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Mom of 12-year-old senselessly gunned down outside bodega blasts New York politicians for:

Migdalia Martinez, whose son Jacob Freytes, 12, was killed outside a Bronx bodega by a stray bullet in a gang shooting, ripped New York politicians for their criminal justice “reform” such as no bail. “Criminals feel more safe now than ever,” she told The Post. “The system works more for the criminal than they’re gonna work for the victim.”

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Rare tick disease bites NY

For the first time, a rare tick-borne infection has been confirmed in New York.

Michael Larkin, 67, was working outdoors in Suffolk County when he was bitten by two lone star ticks, infecting him with the Bourbon virus.

There is no vaccine to prevent this disease, no commercial test to identify it — and no treatments for it.

Its symptoms are similar to other tick-borne illnesses, like Lyme disease. Plus because it's so rare, doctors may misidentify it, as they did in Larkin's case.

Larkin was treated with an antibiotic appropriate for Lyme disease, but that let the Bourbon virus run wild.

He developed a rash, fever, night sweats and debilitating headaches.

Other symptoms can include fatigue, rash, body aches, nausea and vomiting.

He spent five days in the hospital before making a full recovery. But others haven't been so lucky.

Very few cases have been confirmed even across Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri where the virus is more p revalent — averaging less than one case per year.

Two of those cases have ended in death. *Allie Yang*

Saved from bad 'eggs'

Dozens of sad-looking chickens and baby peeps were rescued from "torturous conditions" in a Long Island home, officials said — thanks to a kitchen fire that could have fried the whole place.

Westbury resident Victor Xu, 44, was busted Tuesday after officers responding to the fire in his home found 66 emaciated and dehydrated chickens stuffed into cages — with 60 chicks so small they were "still peeping," said John Di Leonardo, executive director of Humane Long Island.

"[This was a] crazy case," a police officer told The Post. *Brandon Cruz*

'LOAD' OF THE RING

Oura tracks most stress filled days

By ALLIE YANG

Do you remember the most stressful day you had this year? Your Oura ring does.

Sharing data exclusively with The Post, health-tracker company Oura has revealed the top 20 most stressful days from July 1, 2025, to June 20, 2026, for both US users and New Yorkers.

More than 5 million people pay for an Oura membership, enlisting the smart ring to give them insights into their sleep, fitness and, yes, stress.

Oura rings measure physiological stress through metrics like heart rate, heart rate variability (variation in time between heart beats) and body temperature.

So when it's showing a day as stressful, that means your body is stressed — which is why both upsetting and exciting things can register with the ring.

"Oura is measuring activation in the body, not whether an experience feels good or bad," says Shyamal Patel, Oura's senior VP of science. "In other words, excitement and stress are not opposites from the body's perspective; they can overlap."

Stressing over Knicks

In the past year, the most stressful day for both New Yorkers and the country as a whole was May 16.

At least in New York, this might be explained in part by the Long Island Rail Road strike, which started that day.

Without the LIRR, some New Yorkers had to shell out hundreds to pay for taxis, while others had to deal with hours added onto their commute. As many as 300,000 commuters were affected.

But something else interesting was happening. The weather was gorgeous — comfortably warm with a breeze and sun — a perfect late spring day. It's possible people wearing Oura rings were out and about, socializing, drinking and staying out late, which can all register in the ring as stress.

"Physiological stress can come from many different sources," Patel said. "It can also show up from things like poor sleep, illness, alcohol, dehydration, hormonal changes, caffeine, social interactions, travel or other disruptions that push the body away from its usual baseline."

Two of the top 10 most stressful days this year for New Yorkers aligned with NBA Finals games — and the second most stressful day was Game 5, when the Knicks defeated the Spurs and took their first championship in 53 years.

Holiday anxiety

New Year's Eve was number three on the list. An estimated 1 million people were in Times Square alone to watch the ball drop.

Patel says "it's interesting" so many holidays and celebration days are at the very top of the list for most stressful. Three of the top five most stressful days for American Oura ring users were major holidays.

"That reinforces the idea that high-stimulation days can be physiologically stressful even when they are positive or social."

Also of note: Most of the top 20 (75%) of the most stressful days in America were Saturdays. None fell on a Monday, which are typically associated with stress.

"That's a great example of the difference between perceived stress and physiological stress," Patel said. "Mondays may feel psychologically stressful, but the biggest physiological stress days may be the ones tied to disrupted routines."

One other big takeaway was how much time we're spending stressed out. "On the top US day, the average member logged 184.3 stressed minutes, or 45.46% of the day," he said. "That's a large portion of someone's day to spend stressed out."

FEELING IT: The Knicks' run to the NBA championship took its toll on New Yorkers, as two of their 10 most stressful days this year aligned with NBA Finals games.

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1. Saturday, May 16, 2026 — **LIRR strike**
2. Saturday, Jun. 13, 2026 — **Knicks in Finals, Game 5**
3. Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025 — **New Year's Eve**
4. Sunday, May 17, 2026 — **LIRR strike**
5. Saturday, Aug. 9, 2025
6. Saturday, Jun. 6, 2026 — **Knicks in Finals, Game 3**
7. Thursday, Apr. 16, 2026 — **Day after Tax Day**
8. Thursday, Nov. 27, 2025 — **Thanksgiving**
9. Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025
10. Wednesday, Apr. 15, 2026 — **Tax Day**

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1. Saturday, May 16, 2026 — **LIRR strike**
2. Friday, Jul. 4, 2025 — **Independence Day**
3. Saturday, Mar. 21, 2026
4. Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025 — **Christmas Eve**
5. Thursday, Nov. 27, 2025 — **Thanksgiving**
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SAFETY FIRST

Bx. ma of slain son: Big Apple protects thugs over children

By MARIE POHL and CHRIS NESI

The anguished mother of the 12-year-old boy killed by a stray bullet outside a Bronx bodega said the city has gotten more dangerous as criminals no longer fear consequences — and her son's murder is just the latest example.

"Criminals feel more safe now than ever," Migdalia Martinez, 47, told The Post just days after the senseless killing of her son, Jacob Freytes, whose father is a retired NYPD cop.

Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch sent 200 more cops to patrol the borough this spring in an effort to reverse a troubling uptrend of violent crime, which has stubbornly persisted despite steady improvements in Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island.

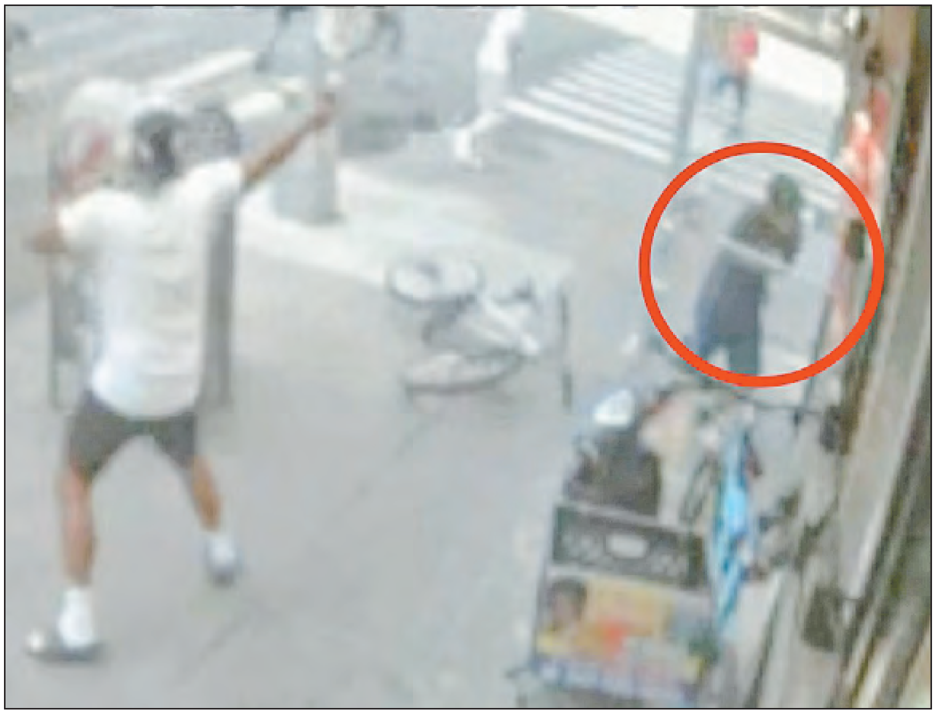
But Martinez believes the problem lies with the courts, which she says are "holding the hand" of criminals after cops risk their lives getting them off the streets.

"There's no more doing time for misdemeanors. There's no bail . . . People are just walking free with the possibilities," she said.

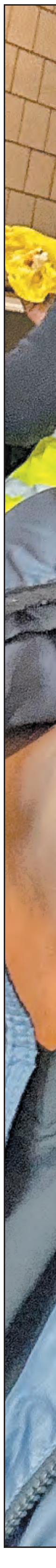
"The system works more for the criminal than they're gonna work for the victim."

Career criminal William Ferrer, 45, was arraigned Sunday night on murder, assault and weapons charges after police said he opened fire during a fight in The South Bronx, killing Freytes and wounding two others.

Kevin C. Downs



TRAGIC: William Ferrer (above) was arraigned Sunday on murder and weapons charges after cops said he started blasting during a South Bronx fight Saturday, killing Jacob Freytes (circled above right).



'Laws no longer tough'

The son of retired NYPD Detective Sgt. Jesus Freytes was "struck in the chest" during the Saturday evening burst of gun violence, and later died at a Bronx hospital, according to the criminal complaint.

Martinez was too overcome with grief to speak to reporters during a vigil for her son outside the family's apartment building on Monday, but now she's speaking out in the hopes her family's tragic story will spark some much-needed change.

"The city's making it easier for the criminal. It's too much. Criminals aren't scared anymore, the laws aren't tough anymore," she said Wednesday.

"The city took too many laws away. They took the stop-and-frisk. If there's a group of a whole bunch of people, I don't see why you can't stop-and-frisk, you know?"

The sudden death of her son rattled Martinez to her core, rendering her bedridden for days after getting the phone call that's every mother's worst nightmare.

She was at work at a hotel in Midtown Saturday when her husband called to tell her Jacob had been shot. She rushed "straight to the hospital" but he had already been pronounced dead by the time she got there.

"The last three days were hurtful. I was angry. I just cried and stayed in bed. I didn't take a shower, I didn't eat, I didn't drink."

She didn't emerge from her cocoon of sorrow until Monday's emotional memorial outside the family home, where friends and loved ones joined to mourn the boy's loss.

Flowers, food and beverages mourners had brought were piled high on a table, while another displayed some of Jacob's personal belongings, like a basketball hoop he installed above a neighbor's door.

Call from Mamdani

"I thought I would go crazy," she said, before the outpouring of love and support from friends and family.

That support has gone global with a GoFundMe campaign to help Martinez, which had raised nearly $15,000 of its $16,000 goal as of Thursday.

Martinez said Mayor Mamdani personally called her, telling her to reach out if there was anything she needs, which she felt grateful for, though she hadn't decided to take him up on his offer.

For now she's working on putting the pieces of her shattered life back together for the sake of her other children, daughters Angelica, 30; Sol, 28; and Luna, 7, and Jacob's brother, Jesus, whom she shares with her police-officer ex-husband who now lives upstate.

Freytes has been channeling his grief into getting justice for his slain son, using whatever levers are at his disposal as a former police officer.

"Instead of mourning the loss of his son, his father is out there trying to work with the DA . . . to make sure the guy will do a lot of time," Martinez said.

'This was murder'

She said anything less than a murder conviction would be "a slap in the face to any mother or father that loses their child to gun violence."

"It's just unfair . . . He took the life of a child. He was only 12," Martinez said, tears filling her eyes.

"My son didn't get to have a girlfriend. That man did. My son will never drive a car, yet you can see in the video that [the accused shooter] is driving in a Mercedes."

Ferrer's next court appearance is scheduled for Friday, and Martinez said she will definitely attend.

She called on the accused killer to face the toughest justice possible.

"Maybe you didn't mean to specifically kill my son, but you meant to shoot that gun, whoever the bullet was meant for," she said, when asked what she'd say to her son's accused murderer.

"A bullet has no name. Bullets can ricochet off of a building, or of anything, and anybody could have got hit. Anybody," she stressed.

"This was murder. You murdered a 12-year-old child."

...FOR CROOKS

CITY FAIL: Migdalia Martinez (above with tragic son Jacob) said, “The city’s making it easier for the criminal . . . Criminals aren’t scared anymore.” His father, Jesus (right), is a retired NYPD cop.

Provided by family

50 kids shot in ’26 so far

‘Under 18’ danger

By JOE MARINO
and MATT TROUTMAN

At least 50 youths across the Big Apple were shot or killed in gun crimes so far this year — with Bronx 12-year-old Jacob Freytes being just the latest tragedy, crime statistics show.

Staggering NYPD data reveals that 49 victims of shootings were youths under 18 during the first half of 2026.

An identical number — 49 — of suspected shooters were also not even legally able to vote, the data shows.

The numbers provided by the NYPD cut off at the end of June, nearly a month before a stray bullet struck Freytes near a Bronx bodega.

Across the boroughs

Freytes, the son of a retired NYPD sergeant, had just bought a ball at the bodega and walked outside when he got caught in the crossfire of a wild street brawl.

The innocent youngster ran inside the bodega clutching his chest before he collapsed, harrowing video footage showed.

He was declared dead at a nearby hospital.

The July 25 shooting followed a steady spate of gun violence that befell teens.

Just two days before, a 15-year-old boy was shot in the foot after what police described as a dispute in Bushwick, Brooklyn.

And a 17-year-old girl was among the victims of a July 20 shooting in the parking lot outside a McDonald’s in Brooklyn, police said.

The total number of gun-violence incidents involving young victims or shooters during 2026’s first half was actually down compared with the same span of 2025, data shows.

During the first six months last year, there were 57 victims of gun violence under 18 and 53 suspected shooters in the same age range, according to the data.

Shootings involving victims and perpetrators of all ages actually hit the lowest level in the NYPD’s recorded history during the first six months this year, data shows.

But as the number of shootings fell, the share of suspected shooters under 18 increased.

They accounted for nearly 22% of shooters during 2026’s first half, data shows.

By comparison, youths were just 8% of shooters during the same span in 2018, according to data.

Water you doing, Mam!

LES ire over Legionella reply

By GREG CARLTON, MATTHEW
FISCHETTI and MATT TROUTMAN

They aren't showering Zo with compliments.

Steamed tenants in an Alphabet City apartment complex haven't showered in two months after Legionnaires' disease-causing bacteria were found in the water system — with many raising a stink over Mayor Mamdani's focus uptown and beyond.

The residents at Haven Plaza — alongside local lawmakers — held a rally Thursday blasting the confused, plodding response by city health officials and the five-building Avenue C complex's management.

The slow-motion effort came as a seventh person was confirmed Thursday to have died from a separate outbreak on the Upper East Side.

Scrutiny grew on the city's response to that outbreak as Mamdani instead focused on an attention-grabbing call to arrest Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the botched rollout of a list of luxury second homes that "may" be hit by a new pied-à-terre tax.

"He's not acknowledging us at all down here," said Kathy Nataadiningrat, who has lived in Haven Plaza for 42 years. "Everything is uptown, not us little people down here.

"There's been no attention down here until now that everyone's here today."

Toured new housing

As Nataadiningrat and other frustrated tenants rallied for attention, the social media-loving socialist mayor went on a "site-seeing" tour on a double-decker bus to three new housing complexes.

Haven Plaza was built in the late 1960s as part of an urban renewal program.

The 371-unit development, run by Catholic Homes New York and Wavecrest Management, has since undergone a renovation, but many tenants argued recent problems show their home is being forgotten.

Two residents fell ill with Legionnaires' disease, the first in May 2025 and another this May. The positive test for Legionella bacteria in June prompted a flurry of what tenants contended was confusing advice from city health officials and inaction from management.

Many tenants, including Nataadiningrat, said health officials variously told them to take baths with hoses, avoid showering or to boil water before bathing.

"There is no sense of urgency to actually resolve this problem," said Dana Cruz, the tenants association president. "Our tenants have been directed to not shower."

Cruz also blasted the seeming slow pace of fixes. She argued Wavecrest and Catholic Homes have refused requests for mobile showers, rent relief and drinking water as tenants waited for a plan.

"Residents still do not know what this plan looks like," she said. "We have no idea the vendor, the chemicals, how long, the timing — none of it."

A copy of a Health Department remediation plan provided by resident Simeon Rose, 63, shows plumbing work kicked off Tuesday. The plan calls for periodic water shutoffs and a 30-day treatment period.

In a statement, Catholic Homes and Wavecrest Management officials said the city Health Department approved their plan.

City Hall and Health Department officials didn't return requests for comment.

GOOD OLD LOWER EAST SIDE
GOLES
e in their Home
William Farrington for The NY Post

PLEADING FOR ATTENTION: Haven Plaza tenant Kristen Cara Ankuta speaks at a press conference Thursday demanding better communication during a Legionnaires' disease outbreak in complex's water system.

Lawler re-elex race a toss-up

US Rep. Mike Lawler's reelection race vs. Democrat Cait Conley is now a "toss-up," according to an independent analyst's assessment released Thursday.

The Center for Politics at the University of Virginia initially rated the race for New York's battleground 17th congressional district as "lean Republican" based on Lawler's "impressive victories" in 2022 and 2024 despite the district voting Democratic for president.

But the race for the Hudson Valley seat has turned the race into the most closely watched in the state as it's considered key to which party ends up controlling Congress in 2027.

"Lawler, who holds a district based in Westchester and Rockland counties, drew what appeared to be his strongest potential challenger, [Army] veteran Cait Conley, in last month's primary, and Conley also got the ballot line for the Working Families Party," the analysis by the center's "Sabato's Crystal Ball" said.

Overall, the analysis released Thursday moved five House races from lean Republican to toss-up, including Lawler's seat. The other races are in Florida, North Carolina and Pennsylvania. Partisans on both sides have conducted surveys showing their candidate ahead but narrowly.

Lawler first took the seat in 2022 when he defeated former Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, then the chairman of the House Democratic Campaign Committee.

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He kisses away big job offer

The married law partner caught in a steamy smoochfest with a much younger associate in Central Park could lose tens of millions of dollars after a lucrative job offer was reportedly rescinded, legal sources told The Post on Wednesday.

Hotshot attorney Nathaniel Cullerton, 45, likely makes at least $4 million as a partner at the white-shoe law firm Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, the sources said.

He was placed on leave amid an investigation into the viral canoodling clip, sources said.

Footage of Cullerton sucking face with 29-year-old co-worker Kelsey Borenzweig, came at the worst possible time for the legal whiz — who was reportedly set to jump ship to rival Manhattan firm Gibson Dunn this week as part of a major Big Law shakeup, insiders said.

His hiring at Gibson Dunn was scrapped after the kissing video went viral last week, sources said.

The average pay for a partner at Wachtell Lipton is $12 million — making them the most handsomely paid partners in the world, according to BCG Attorney Search.

Experts said that as a junior partner, Cullerton would earn considerably less. But he presumably would have been offered even more after being poached.

Both Cullerton and Borenzweig were part of the Wachtell Lipton team that repped OpenAI and beat Elon Musk's $150 billion lawsuit in a California court this year.

Neither Watchell Lipton nor Gibson Dunn responded to a request for comment. Cullerton and Borenzweig also did not respond. ***Ben Kochman, Joe Marino and Natalie O'Neill***

A COSTLY BUSS: Nathaniel Cullerton reportedly had a lucrative job offer from another Manhattan law firm pulled after he was caught steamily kissing younger colleague Kelsey Borenzweig in Central Park.

TikTok/@jayguap3

OH, YEAH LET'S GET WRIT ON!

Law fling nothing new

By ARIEL ZILBER
and ELLA MORRISON

These lawyers seem to all be working pro-boner.

The viral Central Park smoochfest between two lawyers was just the tip of the iceberg, The Post can reveal.

William "Bill" Savitt, 63, one of the country's leading corporate litigators, and senior partner Sarah Eddy were getting in each others' briefs while working together at white-shoe firm Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, according to legal sources.

Sources insist that Wachtell Lipton does not have a non-fraternization policy, so their relationship did not violate any of the firm's rules.

Savitt (top inset) just jumped from Wachtell Lipton to rival Gibson Dunn this week for a massive $96 million pay package — after he helped secure OpenAI CEO Sam Altman's courtroom victory over Elon Musk in a $150 billion lawsuit.

Boss to C. Park kisser

He took Eddy and four other senior partners from the litigation team with him, in a move that has been the talk of Big Law.

Eddy (bottom inset), a divorced Canadian who's also a Harvard Law School lecturer, worked on Savitt's team, but she was not his subordinate, sources said.

Savitt is on the verge of finalizing a divorce from his wife, designer Nazak Savitt, following three years of separation, according to the sources.

They had shared a ritzy $5.4 million Upper West Side apartment in The Chatsworth building.

Eddy and Savitt are no longer believed to be together, and it is unclear when they ended their romantic relationship.

It began after Savitt separated from his wife, the sources said. Eddy divorced her husband 10 years ago and was single at the time she began her relationship with Savitt, the sources said.

Savitt and Eddy were previously recognized as "Litigators of the Week" by The American Lawyer for their role in securing a unanimous jury verdict in favor of Open AI in the Musk v. Altman case in California, according to a since-removed press release from Wachtell Lipton.

The married big shot was also the supervisor of lip-locking lawyers Nathaniel Cullerton, 45, and Kelsey Borenzweig, 29, who also worked on the Altman v. Musk case and were caught on camera canoodling in Central Park.

When contacted by The Post Wednesday night, Savitt denied that his relationship with Eddy constituted an affair.

Legal sources added that Savitt, who is listed as a co-chair of Gibson Dunn's global litigation practice group on the firm's website, secured an eye-watering $32 million a year package in his move to the rival firm — amounting to a guaranteed $96 million over three years.

Savitt had no comment when asked by The Post about his payout.

Meanwhile, a source close to the situation told The Post that the $96 million figure "isn't even in the ballpark of close."

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US holding ‘Hammer’ over foes

By CHRIS NESI

The US Army has debuted the “Hammer of the Gods” — a cutting-edge new weapon-disrupting system designed to trick precision-guided enemy projectiles into missing their targets.

The portable electronic system (right), which can be deployed covertly from US military vessels, blinds the guidance systems of long-range artillery, guided missiles and cruise missiles, rendering them far less effective.

The military has been testing land-based variants for the last two years, but its test this month off the US West Coast marks the first time it’s been demonstrated for maritime use, the Army said.

The signal disruptor works by jamming precision weaponry’s positioning, navigation and timing (PNT) signals — which are needed to ensure armaments hit their intended targets.

Without PNT data, these advanced weapon systems are effectively flying blind, increasing the odds of missed targets and mission delays.

The system also deploys a communications network to ensure friendly forces can stay in contact even when the Hammer of the Gods is pumping out its disruptive signal, or when operating in degraded environments.

Army officials told Fox News this month’s test run proved the system could be deployed, operated and recovered in a real-world maritime environment.

The test of the Hammer of the Gods was only the most recent example of the US flexing its advanced military tech in recent months.

In April, the dramatic rescue of an Air Force officer shot down over Iran received a big boost from a secretive new CIA tool called “Ghost Murmur,” which officials said enabled them to find the downed airman by detecting his heartbeat from afar.

The bleeding-edge technology combines nitrogen-vacancy center diamonds — used to measure magnetic fields — with artificial intelligence to filter out background noise, making heartbeats detectable even from the air.

We’re scared shipless

The US is building just 15 cargo ships, compared to more than 4,000 being built in China and nearly 750 in South Korea.

Of those 15 ships, 12 will be mostly constructed in Korea — up from previous years, when American shipbuilders had just three or four vessels on order, according to BRS Shipbrokers.

The reason, critics say, is a 100-year-old law signed by President Woodrow Wilson — the Jones Act.

It was meant to protect the US shipbuilders and the shipping industry by banning foreign ships from carrying cargo between American ports — instead requiring American goods to be shipped between ports by American-built, American-made vessels. The result has been the opposite, critics say.

Anthony Blair

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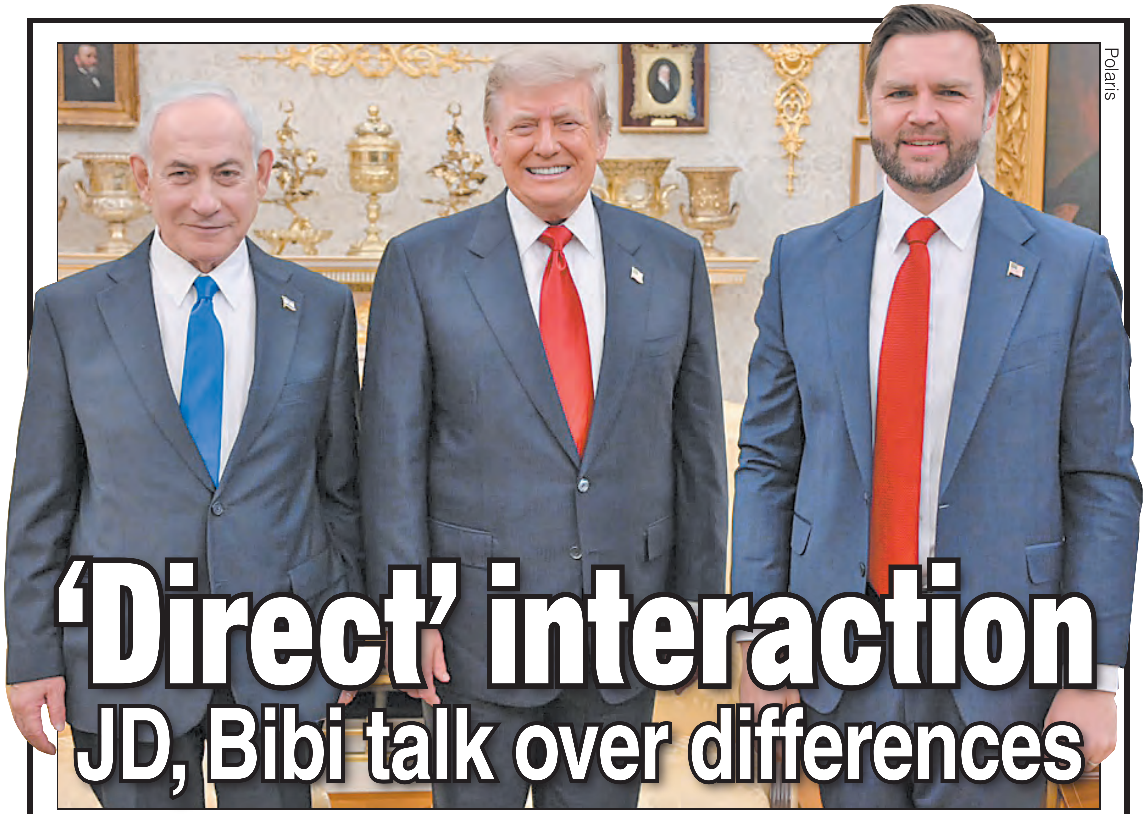

Polaris

‘Direct’ interaction

JD, Bibi talk over differences

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS

WASHINGTON — Vice President JD Vance and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had a “no-bullsh-t” conversation during a one-on-one on Tuesday at Blair House after months of simmering differences in views of the Iran war, sources familiar told The Post on Thursday.

The US and Israeli leaders had a “direct, but no bullsh-t” conversation, a US official said — clarifying that it “wasn’t contentious at all.”

The pair came away from the talk “knowing where everybody stands” and “how to move forward,” the official added.

It comes after Axios on Thursday reported Netanyahu “confronted” Vance over the veep’s “recent criticism of the Israeli government and Israel’s standing among Republicans” during their private meeting at Blair House Tuesday evening after Sen. Lindsey Graham’s funeral.

US officials and sources familiar with the meeting challenged that characterization in conversations with The Post, insisting it was a candid policy discussion between close allies — not a blowup.

‘Not confrontational’

“The meeting was not confrontational at all,” a second US official told The Post. “The leaders have a productive working relationship.”

The second US official instead said Vance and Netanyahu had “a cordial and productive conversation about Middle East issues that are important to both countries,” but declined to give further detail.

“They agreed to continue pursuing opportunities for Israel and the United States to cooperate in areas of mutual interest and shared goals,” the official said.

A source familiar with the discussion described it as “spirited” — adding neither leader raised his voice. An Israeli official similarly described the exchange as “honest.”

It comes after the vice president in a recent podcast appearance accused the Israeli prime minister of stoking opposition to the since-failed US-Iran memorandum of understanding.

He has also privately asserted Israel overstated the possibility that the Iranian people would rise up against the regime in Tehran and underestimated the war’s timeline to end after a maximum of six weeks, according to prior Axios reports about a tense phone call between the leaders in March.

Those latter issues were addressed Wednesday by a senior Israeli official during a briefing with reporters.

Asked whether Israeli intelligence had been wrong to suggest military action could create conditions for the Iranian regime to face a popular uprising, the official rejected the idea that Netanyahu had guaranteed such an outcome, saying he “didn’t promise that that would happen,” the official said.

The official said Israel’s assessment instead was that military action could create an opportunity for Iranians to determine the future of their own country.

TO DISARM: DON

By VICTOR NAVA

MONUMENTAL STEP: President Trump on Thursday announced the deal is a major step toward having the Hamas terror group lay down its weapons in its long battle vs. Israel.

AP (2)

Historic deal by Board of Peace

President Trump announced Thursday that his Board of Peace has reached a "historic agreement" with Hamas that will result in the "complete disarmament" of the terror group in Gaza.

"This is a monumental step toward lasting PEACE and SECURITY," Trump wrote on Truth Social.

The president indicated "all other armed groups" in the Gaza Strip have also agreed to lay down their arms.

"This agreement is a critical step towards Gaza finally being governed by a new Palestinian government that will work closely with the Board of Peace to help the Palestinian people," Trump continued.

"At the same time, Israel will have the security it deserves, with Gaza no longer used as a base for terror attacks."

Disarmament of Hamas marks a "major milestone in the implementation" of the 20-point plan for peace in the region unveiled last September, the president said.

In works for 8 months

The deal was eight months in the making, according to US and Board of Peace officials.

"We've literally been discussing this with them all the way through today," a Board of Peace official said, "and the final communication came through the mediators that Hamas has agreed to the final text."

Israel remains "very skeptical that Hamas will disarm," a US official noted.

However, the official said the Israeli government is "not really being asked to do much in the process because this isn't really a trust deal . . . it's a conditions-based deal."

"We're not asking Israel to do anything other than agree to the 20-point plan that they agreed to initially, and so we're very confident they will adhere to it," the US official added. "If they don't, obviously President Trump will be very, very disappointed."

Meanwhile, Hamas has warned that it won't disarm if Israel "interferes" or refuses to withdraw from Gaza.

"Hamas will not implement any step of the Gaza peace deal if the Israeli occupation forces do not fulfill their obligations under the agreement," Ghazi Hammad, a spokesman for the terror group, told Al Jazeera. "Israel will not interfere in the disarmament issue, and the national committee is the one that will carry out this task."

A US official confirmed that Iran attempted to meddle during negotiations in an effort to keep Hamas from disarming.

"Iran did try to convince them not to do this deal, but ultimately we were able to overcome that," the official said.

The official noted that under the 20-point plan Hamas is eligible for amnesty only if it disarms.

"Iran abandoned Hamas awhile ago," the official said. "They can't afford to to keep them going, and I think Hamas realized that they have to do what's best for themselves and for the people."

'Carried out in phases'

"The agreement will be carried out in carefully structured phases," according to Trump.

Once disarmament is completed, Israeli forces will withdraw from the strip and "the International Stabilization Force will work with a new Palestinian police force to take responsibility for Gaza being safe for its residents and its neighbors."

Hamas' extensive network of tunnels must also be disclosed and destroyed under the terms of the agreement.

A Board of Peace official estimated that it may take "somewhere between about 200 days to about 350 days" to decommission all the weapons Hamas and Gaza militias possess.

The phased process will see Gaza cleared of weapons and deemed ready for reconstruction on a "sector by sector" basis.

The Board of Peace official explained that the disarming of the militias will come first.

"When we're talking about militias, we're talking about groups that have weapons that they've acquired over a recent period, while with Hamas, we're looking at an organization that has an almost a state-like army structure, with tunnels, with production facilities — capabilities that go well beyond what is a militant group."

The process of disarming Hamas "will take more time and it needs to be done in a much more careful and detailed manner," the Board of Peace official added.

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Awaiting Tehran reply

President Trump is willing to give peace talks a chance, but demands that Iran agree to a cease-fire, a US official told The Post, placing the next move squarely on Tehran.

"That's the basis for any type of negotiation; it starts with a cease-fire, and it has to start with Iran," a US official told The Post.

Internal Iranian clashes between the ayatollah's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and civilian leaders is hampering a deal.

Emily Goodin

‘Starved’ to death

Matthew McDermott for NY Post (2)

FACING JUSTICE: Geneva Jarvis and Denise Jarvis were in custody Thursday after being charged in their 16-year-old kin’s death.

Ma, grandma rap in boy’s death

By LARRY CELONA,
JORDAN DONEGAN
and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

A Bronx mom and grandmother were charged with murder Thursday for allegedly starving a 16-year-old autistic boy to death in their filthy apartment — while his severely malnourished twin brother miraculously survived, authorities said.

Geneva Jarvis, 36, and Denise Jarvis, 62, were arrested following an investigation into the March 19 death of their son and grandson Adonis Jarvis, 16, at Lincoln Medical Center’s pediatric division, police said.

Police were called to the hospital around 9:10 p.m. that day over the teen’s “suspicious death,” which was deemed a homicide by the city medical examiner’s office this week, cops said.

The tragic boy, who was autistic and non-verbal, died from chronic neglect, starvation and dehydration, according to the medical examiner’s office.

Sources said the family had been on the radar of the city’s Administration for Children’s Services for more than a decade, but failed to remove the twins from the squalid South Bronx apartment where they were allegedly being tortured.

Photos and videos from inside the home on East 147th Street, near St. Ann’s Avenue, showed the stomach-turning conditions that the boys lived in, with garbage, debris and clothing covering every room — and even filling the bathtub.

Mountains of clothing, empty boxes and trash covered the entire living room floor, stacked so high that it obscured part of a window. A brown, soiled mattress could be seen in one bedroom, with piled-up suitcases and other debris.

‘Like a skeleton’

Sources said ACS had an open case into Geneva Jarvis over the home’s squalid conditions between 2021-24, when it was closed when the agency determined the apartment was not a hazard.

ACS also investigated Jarvis in 2014 after she allegedly failed to give the twins their seizure medication, according to the sources.

On March 19, the mom called 911 to report that one of the twins was not breathing, and she performed CPR on him before EMTs brought him to the hospital at around 6 p.m., according to sources and prosecutors.

“He looked like a skeleton,” building super Denis Rivera recalled Thursday.

He said the mother had placed the boy in the hallway while the grandmother waited downstairs for the ambulance to arrive and his brother remained inside the apartment.

Adonis, who weighed just 59 pounds, was pronounced dead at the hospital, with staff so alarmed by his condition that they called the police.

Sources said that while at the hospital, cops found out Adonis had a twin brother at home — and they arrived to find him unresponsive in the fetal position, with bedsores and weighing just 60 pounds.

Jarvis allegedly told cops that she’d fed one of the twins and was about to do so with Adonis when she noticed he was not breathing, and tried to resuscitate him before rushing to the hospital, the sources said.

The surviving boy had lost 20 pounds since his last documented doctor’s visit in August 2024, according to prosecutors. The brothers were both autistic with a documented history of seizures.

Both teens were found “covered in bed sores, feces and flies,” the Bronx District Attorney’s Office said.

“Tragically, one of the boys died from starvation,” Bronx DA Darcel Clark said in a statement.

“His twin brother thankfully is alive but suffering the effects of starvation and neglect,” she said, adding that he faces a long road to recovery.

Surviving son saved

ACS said the agency’s policy prohibits the release of “case-specific” information, but noted that “it had secured the safety” of the surviving child.

Jarvis and her mother were indicted on charges including murder, assault and endangering the welfare of an incompetent person. They each pleaded not guilty at their arraignment in Bronx Supreme Court later Thursday and were sent to Rikers Island without bail pending their next hearings on Oct. 27.

“These two women failed in their duty and responsibility to care for these boys,” Clark said.

Sources said the mom had pulled the boys out of their public school, The Academy for Career and Living Skills in The Bronx, in January, noting the campus lacked a paraprofessional and that she struggled carrying her sons down the stairs to their school bus.

Trucking priority for vets

WASHINGTON — President Trump on Thursday unveiled a plan to give military veterans a priority on trucking jobs, cutting out illegal immigrants who “cannot read” road signs.

“We’re going to make it as easy as possible for the veterans,” Trump said at an event at the White House.

Flanked by two truck cabs, one a military green and the other blue with a large American eagle painted on it, the president praised veterans for having “a talent” for truck driving while blasting states that gave commercial driving licenses to illegal immigrants.

In 2025, at least 30 deaths resulted from 17 fatal crashes caused by illegal immigrant commercial vehicle drivers, according to the Department of Transportation.

Under the program, the DOT will expand the eligibility for veterans to receive expedited commercial driver’s licenses (CDLs), extending the waiver period from 12 months to 24 months.

For veterans who never drove a heavy commercial vehicle during their military service, CDL training will be offered.

The Freedom Haulers program comes after more than 24,000 CDLs were removed as part of a DOT crackdown. *Emily Goodin*

Migrants rush Spain

Thousands of migrants “totally collapsed” border fences and flooded into the tiny Spanish territory of Ceuta from Morocco Thursday — spurring local officials to urge Spain’s government to declare a national emergency.

Spain announced it would deploy military units to reinforce police in Ceuta after hordes of people, mainly Moroccans, busted into the North African enclave.

“The situation is absolute chaos,” said Rachid Sbihi, head of the association that represents Spain’s Civil Guard officers in Ceuta, who police the border.

Zoe Hussain, Wires

‘Lioness’ Zoe mane attraction

Zoe Saldaña attends the Season 3 premiere of “Lioness” on Wednesday in New York. The Academy Award winner, 48, arrived in a structured long-sleeve dress covered in pleated satin — except for the edgy slit down the middle.

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Pakistan mountain horror

Ten mountaineers, including a Texas woman, led by world-famous climber Nirmal Purja are missing after an avalanche on Pakistan’s Broad Peak — and an experienced American alpinist familiar with the conditions told The Post he feared the mountain could become a death trap.

A snowslide struck the ten-person team as they trekked over the 26,400-foot peak in the Karakoram mountain range around midday Thursday, according to the Alpine Club of Pakistan.

Purja, a former Royal Marine, is a 43-year-old Nepalese climber famous for ascending 14 of the world’s tallest mountains. His astonishing climbs were featured in the Netflix film “14 Peaks: Nothing is Impossible.”

Authorities have received no communication from the crew atop the world’s 12th tallest mountain and have mobilized an all-out search-and-rescue mission.

A high-altitude climber who led an expedition up Broad Peak last week told The Post Thursday he feared weather conditions could spell trouble.

“It had been raining every day, which means that at high altitude it would have been snowing,” said Napier Sandford Fuller, 53.

Zoe Hussain

HEALTHY SHOW ’EM, RFK

Good eats on cheap

By MARY CONNELLY

Can healthy eating really cost less than a drive-thru run?

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is betting it can with a new government-backed cooking show aimed at proving nutritious meals don’t have to break the bank.

The new program, “The Real Food Show,” makes “healthy, affordable cooking simple and accessible for every American,” according to the Health and Human Services website.

Inspired by the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and geared toward busy American families, the series promises meals that cost less than $5 per serving whenever possible, along with simple cooking techniques designed to save time and money.

Price concerns

Kennedy has long been outspoken about wellness and has championed President Trump’s Make America Healthy Again agenda. The new dietary guidelines, unveiled in January, emphasize whole, minimally processed foods, including protein, full-fat dairy, fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

“When we published the dietary guidelines, there was immediately sort of a good reaction, but also a little trepidation from the public and from critics saying that this food is a lot more expensive than the ultra-processed food that we’ve been eating,” Kennedy told USA Today ahead of the show’s premiere on YouTube and the HHS website. “And that’s not true.”

Kennedy (inset) said he hopes more Americans will prioritize home-cooked meals over fast food.

“That meal costs $12 to $14. People can eat a lot cheaper at home and a lot better food. But many Americans have forgotten how to cook. It’s becoming a lost art,” he said, according to the outlet.

In addition to Kennedy, “The Real Food Show” features a lineup of “incredible special guest” cooks.

The premiere episode stars Chef Andrew Gruel, who prepares crispy wild Alaskan salmon cakes with an apple, white bean and greens salad “using simple, everyday ingredients that fit almost any budget.”

A self-described “seafood junkie,” Gruel wants to encourage more people to eat healthier types of seafood.

“One of the things that actually drove me to the restaurant industry is understanding that people need to eat more seafood, more of the right types of seafood,” Gruel says.

Nutrition experts who spoke with The Post largely applauded the recipe’s healthy ingredients, though some questioned whether the meals would be as affordable as advertised.

Plant-based option

Tiffany Bruno, a plant-based registered dietitian who has worked with the USDA on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and has added plant-based options to the WIC Program, praised the premiere recipe’s nutritional balance.

“I like that this recipe includes a plant-based protein,” she told The Post.

Juliana Vocca, a registered dietitian and owner of Prime Women Nutrition, questioned whether the recipe’s price tag reflects what many families actually pay at the grocery store.

“RFK Jr.’s cooking show may be promising in terms of educating the public on how to cook healthy — however, I’m not sure everyone can afford some of his recipes,” Vocca told The Post.

THE RED APPLE

BRUCE: I'LL

SOFFIYAH ELIJAH
On judicial committee.

Radicals, no Jews picked for Zo panel

Mayor Mamdani didn't pick one Jewish person to serve on his judicial screening panel, but he did appoint a lawyer for a domestic terrorist, a Luigi Mangione apologist — and even a former male prostitute.

The social-media loving socialist, a staunch critic of Israel, even reportedly rejected Jewish retired Judge John Leventhal because he had served on the legal team for pedophile billionaire Jeffrey Epstein's pal and convicted sex-trafficking accomplice Ghislaine Maxwell.

But Hizzoner didn't disqualify prison-reform activist Soffiyah Elijah from his 18-member Advisory Committee on the Judiciary, despite the fact she's represented and rubbed elbows with Weather Underground terrorist Marilyn Buck and infamous cop killer Mumia Abu-Jamal.

"Cop killers' lawyer recommending judges to the mayor? Mamdani must be kidding," said Scott Munro, president of the 21,000-member Detectives Endowment Association. "How dare he spit in the faces of heroes and their families?"

Elijah, founder of the Alliance of Families for Justice, has represented a who's who of radicals and self-proclaimed "political prisoners" like Abu-Jamal, who was convicted of killing Philadelphia police Officer Daniel Faulkner.

Mamdani also appointed former New York American Civil Liberties Union lawyer Jared Trujilo, an admitted former sex worker who is now a professor at CUNY Law School. *Carl Campanile*

You *don't* owe it? Prove it!

IT'S ON HER: Beauty-marketing company founder Karen Young says she doesn't owe the pied-à-terre tax, but has to shell out big bucks to a real estate lawyer to prove the city wrong.

Linkedin/Karen Young

By LAUREN ELKIES SCHRAM

Under New York City's new pied-à-terre tax, homeowners are guilty until proven innocent.

Karen Young spent three hours just trying to begin the process of proving her Upper West Side brownstone — her home of 30 years — is her primary residence to avoid the new levy.

In the end, it was a complete waste of time.

"I was planning to upload a few more documents yesterday morning, only to discover the documents I uploaded Monday weren't saved despite the requirement to set up an account with a password," Young, president and founder of beauty-marketing company The Young Group, told The Post. She also needs to get an ownership title/deed for her brownstone from her estate lawyer, whom she has to pay, to continue with the process.

Tight deadline

"So I have to start from scratch," she added. "I will wait till all the documents are assembled. There are a lot of them."

Young has until Aug. 21 to submit all her documents or else she will be on the hook for a $42,824 surcharge courtesy of New York City's new annual "Surcharge on Property That Does Not Serve as a Primary Residence," and levied by the city's Department of Finance on her Jan. 1, 2027, property tax bill.

"It's a cumbersome process to prove that I'm a primary resident, which just seems absurd. My jury summonses come here, I pay my taxes from here, my utilities," she previously told The Post.

When homeowners get a tax notice, the onus is on them to prove the city wrong.

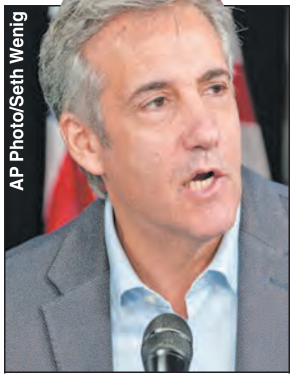
The tax — which was framed as a tax on wealthy second-home owners — has caused a whole bunch of confusion. In particular, homeowners were overwhelmed when Mayor Mamdani's administration published a searchable database of more than 960,000 residences and owners who could fall under the new tax.

"We opposed this tax in part because we warned that determining who is and is not subject to it would be extraordinarily complicated," said James Whelan, president of the Real Estate Board of New York. "The fact that so many owners appear to be receiving inaccurate notices raises serious questions about the city's readiness to administer the program. Even we did not expect implementation to be this flawed."

Signed into law in May by Gov. Hochul, the legislation that was passed in Albany targets unoccupied, secondary NYC properties: 1-to-3-family homes valued at $5 million or more, and co-ops or condos worth at least $1 million. Residents who received a bill but don't meet those criteria can appeal.

"The law was written like Swiss cheese," high-end residential broker Donna Olshan told The Post. "It is filled with holes. From a legal drafting standpoint, it is an example of incompetence."

'Ex-fixer' Cohen tapped for condo levy



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Count President Trump's former fixer Michael Cohen among the angry New Yorkers who say the city sent them invasive letters informing them they may have to pay Mayor Mamdani's new pied-à-terre tax, The Post has learned.

This week, Cohen (left) received the dreaded missive saying he needs to prove his condo at Trump Park Avenue on the Upper East Side is his primary residence — or face tens of thousands of dollars in new taxes.

"I have been paying NYC property taxes for 34 years," he fumed to The Post on Thursday. "I'm registered as a voter here yet now I have to go through the exercise in demonstrating to the city that I'm a resident."

He also took issue with the level of detail the city is seeking about him and other New Yorkers, especially with a far-left mayor at the helm.

"I'm extremely concerned about submitting this information to a democratic socialist who has campaigned and continues to campaign on taking dollars out of the pockets of wealthy New Yorkers or anyone he perceives to be wealthy," Cohen said.

He added many of his neighbors got the same letter.

The city recently began sending the letters to tens of thousands of property owners saying they have to prove their address is their primary residence or be subject to Mamdani and Gov. Hochul's controversial tax on second homes, which passed as part of the state budget earlier this year. *Lisa Fickenscher*

AX ‘TERRE’ TAX

GOP gov rival rips Kat, Zo on 2nd-home levy

By HANNAH FIERICK
and CRAIG McCARTHY

Republican gubernatorial candidate Bruce Blakeman vowed to undo incumbent Gov. Hochul’s “oppressive” and “reckless” NYC pied-à-terre tax if elected — as it was revealed the Big Apple plans to hire dozens of employees just to process the new fee.

Blakeman, currently the elected Nassau County executive, issued a dire warning Thursday saying state Democratic Party policies will drive more New Yorkers out of the city, which already carries a 12.5% local-tax burden, the third highest in the country.

“This reckless tax will drive even more families, jobs and investment out of our state, and middle-class New Yorkers will pay the price,” Blakeman said. “I will move to eliminate it on Day 1 when I am elected governor.”

Blakeman also called out Hochul, who pushed the new tax through the state Legislature as a lifeline to Mayor Mamdani, who ran on a democratic socialist platform to tax the rich.

Bailouts for mayor

Although Hochul resisted calls to hike income taxes and corporate taxes to appease the fledgling mayor and his comrades, she offered Mamdani several bailouts to help him balance his first budget including the pied-à-terre tax — which puts a charge on expensive second homes in the city.

Blakeman blasted Hochul for allowing the city Department of Finance (DOF) to publish a list of all the Big Apple’s unoccupied non-primary residences worth more than $1 million — which included names and addresses of property owners.

“Kathy Hochul and Zohran Mamdani’s new tax publicly targets homeowners, puts them at risk of crime, assumes they’re guilty, and forces them to prove they don’t owe the government more money,” Blakeman said.

The comments come amid a chaotic rollout of the new home tax, which included unanswered questions about how the city determined who might have to pay the fee.

Wrongly got notices

A large number of longtime New Yorkers claimed they wrongly received notices of the new tax despite living full-time in the city. Mamdani’s rocky launch of the levy forces residents in that bind to have to prove they shouldn’t be slapped with the pied-à-terre tax.

Blakeman attacked the process as “oppressive and un-American.”

Mamdani also admitted Thursday in a separate press conference that the city needed to hire 24 new staffers across the DOF and the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings to “engage” with New Yorkers being hit with the levy of up to 6.5% on one-to-three family homes worth more than $5 million and condos above $1 million.

“The focus of their hiring is to engage with New Yorkers who have questions about this process,” Mamdani told reporters at an event in The Bronx.

“And one of the reasons that we started this process at this point is to ensure that New Yorkers have the requisite amount of time to engage with city government before the levying of this tax,” he added.

City Hall would not say what those new employees would cost taxpayers in salaries.

However, the city’s job site shows that the DOF has 25 open spots, the vast majority of which were posted last week.

While none of the job listings specifically mention the pied-à-terre tax, many would seem to have a role in collections, real-estate law or tax exemptions.

Those civil service gigs typically pay between $67,000 and $110,000 annually.

City Hall told the Post Wednesday 17,000 notices had been sent out to wealthy homeowners — some of whom claimed they were sent the notice by mistake.

But Mamdani downplayed the dilemma — citing owners have until the end of next month to file their appeals if they believe they have been wrongly subjected to a tax.

“I understand the concerns that some New Yorkers have that they are facing, and I know that a new tax typically brings more questions than it does answers,” Hizzoner said.

“Right now, we are working around the clock across multiple city agencies to ensure that we are engaging with New Yorkers about how we are going to be delivering a tax on secondary homes worth more than $5 million.”

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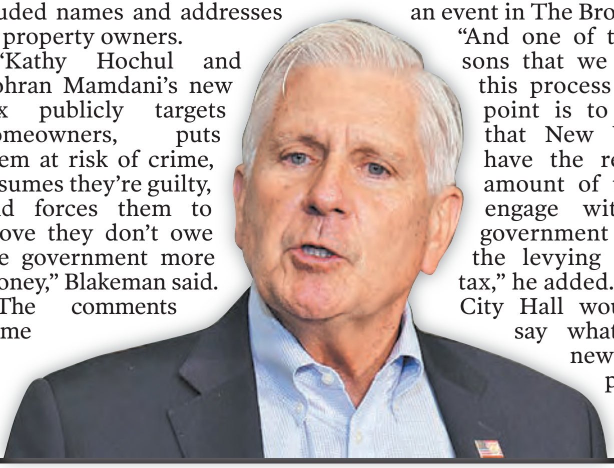

REPUBLICAN TO THE RESCUE: GOP gubernatorial candidate Bruce Blakeman (left) vows to get rid of the pied-à-terre tax pushed on not-always-wealthy NYC homeowners by Mayor Mamdani with the help of incumbent Gov. Hochul.

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Far-left won't play in Middle America

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Socialism is Dem doom

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Michael Nagle

BLUE NOTE: The message of democratic socialism may have gotten Zohran Mamdani elected and be currently energizing the left — but polling shows its policies aren't popular outside of deep blue regions.

ENERGY is the word of the day, week, month and years to come in the Democratic Party.

As progressive challengers take on — and often dispatch — establishment figures in primaries from sea to shining sea, their movement has earned rounds of applause for its vitality.

Former President Barack Obama, for example, has deemed Mayor Mamdani an "extraordinary talent."

Former Vice President Kamala Harris has praised Mamdani for "bringing people in," marveling that it's "so powerful."

Three far-left congressional candidates endorsed by the mayor prevailed in the Big Apple last month; Graham Platner retired Gov. Janet Mills before primary day in Maine and has been replaced on the ballot by a fellow traveler; and Abdul El-Sayed has gone from underdog to favorite in his Senate primary race against Haley Stevens in Michigan.

Energy, momentum, dynamism: Whatever you want to call it, this faction has it in spades, in large part thanks to the young voters who have propelled them to victory — and ushered in an entirely new era for their party.

A new Manhattan Institute survey of 1,121 likely voters across the country leaves little doubt as to whether this is a blip on the radar or a taste of the courses to come.

Among left-leaning respondents between the age of 18 and 34, 67% identify as democratic socialists.

Among those between 35 and 49, that figure drops but is still 56%.

Even among 50-64-year-olds, 45% are reaching for their hammers and sickles.

The forecast for Team Blue is red — with a string of inevitable electoral disappointments.

GOP 'licking chops'

Because what's popular among the ascendant majority in the Democratic base is not among the American majority that decides elections.

"There is a reason why Republicans nationwide are licking their chops," said CNN data guru Harry Enten during one recent segment about the Democratic Socialists of America's dismal net favorability rating of -27 points.

Sixty-six percent of Democrats have a positive view of "socialism" more generally, up from 50% in 2010.

Among the public at large, though, that figure has hardly changed at all — 29% in 2010, 30% now.

In short, Democrats keep moving further left, even as America stays where it is.

The Manhattan Institute poll yielded still more bad news for Democrats.

On a wide variety of discrete policy issues, Americans continue to embrace common sense and reject the DSA approach.

Fifty-three percent want to "crack down on waste, fraud and abuse" within the welfare system, while just 31% want to "make it easier to eligible people to receive welfare benefits."

Sixty-five percent identify the objective of government assistance as "making sure everyone has a basic minimum," rather than "reducing the gap between the rich and the poor" (21%).

And even though the Democrats have long since renounced Bill Clinton's efforts at triangulation, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act he signed into law in 1996 remains enormously popular.

The DSA's calls for the abolition of police, prisons and borders, on the other hand, are underwater by 72, 67, and 64 points, respectively.

Primaries a mirage

This should be a banner year for Democrats. RealClearPolitics pegs President Trump's net approval rating at nearly -18.

Yet most generic ballot polls suggest Democrats are only outpacing their Republican opponents by a few points — some even say they're all knotted up.

In Maine, Sen. Susan Collins has gained the upper hand since Platner dropped out and subsequently was replaced by a less charismatic copycat.

In Michigan, one recent survey showed Republican Mike Rogers whooping El-Sayed by double digits.

And per Quinnipiac, more Americans (46%) view Democrats as too extreme than see Republicans (40%) as the same.

Insulated from reality by their media allies, Democrats tend to blame disappointing Election Day results on their messaging, super PACs, disinformation, less-than-compelling candidates — everything but their ideas.

But if they underperform in the House and all but forfeit winnable Senate seats during the midterm cycle of Donald Trump's second term, they'll have a verdict on just how much their precious enthusiasm is worth outside of the confines of deep blue cities and low-turnout primary contests.

Just don't expect them to take it to heart; the "energy" is working against them.

'DSA' in vow to support China

About a dozen Democratic Socialists of America activists have publicly pledged to "support" and "defend" China amid an apparent push by the communist nation to court members of Mayor Mamdani's party.

Friends of Socialist China, a London-based group, touts 952 signatories on its pledge to "support the People's Republic of China and to promote understanding of Chinese socialism."

Eleven self-described DSA or DSA International Committee members are among those that "resolve to support, defend and build understanding of Chinese socialism," The Post found.

The Times of London first reported on the DSA signatories.

The pledge argues that "the global advance to socialism is indispensable if humanity is to survive and to flourish" while decrying capitalism as "totally incapable of solving the problems of poverty and inequality" and being "inextricably linked with war, empire, racism, misogyny, alienation and environmental destruction."

"Why China?" the pledge continues. "We support all states building or aspiring to socialism, and we favor the highest level of unity and friendship between them.

"We foreground China in particular because its size and level of development give it an objectively critical role in the global transition to socialism."

The document lauds China as "the most prominent force pushing for the establishment of a multipolar system of international relations and a new international economic order" and "a global leader in the struggle to avoid climate breakdown."

The DSA did not respond to The Post's request for comment. *Victor Nava*

NOLAN WELLS
Mysterious death in Miss.

Pal's dad: $50K for Wells info

The father of Nolan Wells' "best friend" announced he's offering a $50,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for Wells' mysterious death — as the teenage athlete's family took a swipe at another of their son's pals.

Dr. Benjamin Hudson, the father of Warren Hudson, who described himself to The Post as Wells' "best friend," told TMZ he was putting up the five-figure reward because "we still don't know what happened."

"We don't know that anyone had any involvement, but we care about Nolan and want to find out what happened," he told the outlet.

Meanwhile, Wells' family took a dig at another one of their son's friends, Tracestin Shepherd, who, with Warren, recently appeared on a popular podcast defending himself and his friends from allegations of racism or any wrongdoing in the case.

"It sounds more to me like he's more focused on getting people to know him, and getting away from the fact that his so-called best friend is not here anymore," Wells' father, Elmore Wonsley, told NewsNation's Chris Cuomo Wednesday. *Patrick Reilly*

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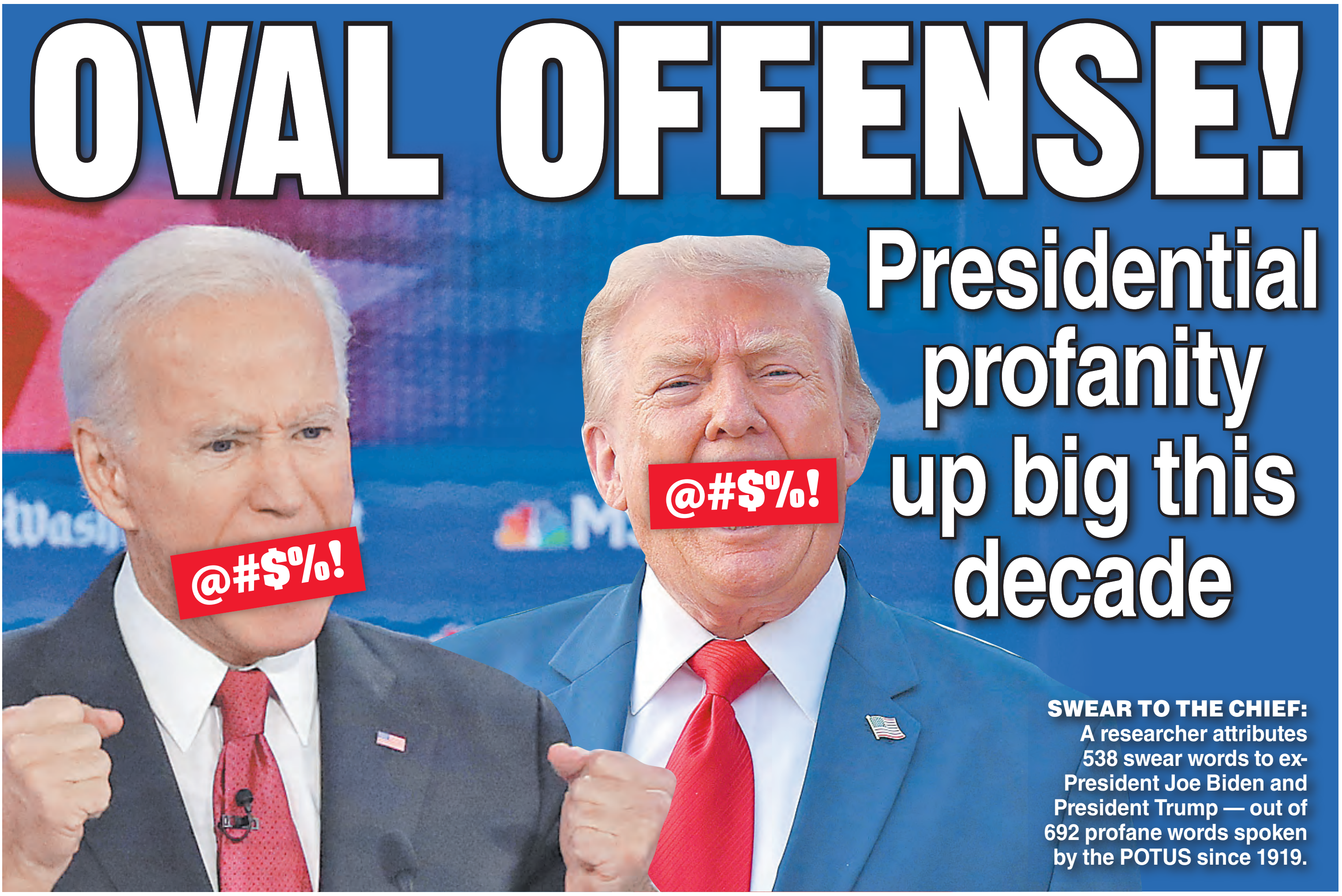
Presidential profanity up big this decade



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SWEAR TO THE CHIEF: A researcher attributes 538 swear words to ex-President Joe Biden and President Trump — out of 692 profane words spoken by the POTUS since 1919.

By RYAN KING

Some might call it a cuss-titutional crisis.

Politics is rapidly becoming more profane, with a staggering 87% of swear words from presidents dating back to 1919 coming from commanders in chief within the past 10 years, according to a shocking finding.

President Trump and his predecessor Joe Biden were responsible for 538 profane words — 78% of presidential cuss words used out of the 692 documented since Woodrow Wilson, a researcher in Wales found.

"It used to be rare for presidents, even as candidates, to swear in official remarks," Dr. Joseph Phillips, a lecturer at Cardiff University, wrote. "Woodrow Wilson broke the profanity seal in 1919, recounting a time where he made a 'conspicuous *ss of himself.'"

"[P]rofanity can be a signal of authenticity. In a time of low political trust, signals that a politician is 'authentic' are at a premium," he added.

Trump hasn't been shy about breaking out the expletives when he feels the stakes are high or is simply in the mood for it.

Don uses 'em all

On Wednesday, he told Fox News' chief foreign affairs correspondent Trey Yingst that the US will "beat the f--king s--t out of" Iran.

That came on the heels of other potty mouth outbursts such as his April ultimatum for Tehran to "open the f--kin' strait, you crazy bastards, or you'll be living in hell."

Trump has proven to be a pioneer on presidential swearing, bringing a broader range of curse words into the presidential vernacular, such as "bastard," "bitch" and "f--k", according to Phillips.

While Biden used expletives as president, they were typically more low-key ones such as "d--k," a word he leaned on periodically. During his time as vice president, Biden had infamously dropped the F-bomb, telling then-President Barack Obama "this is a big f--king deal," as he signed the Affordable Care Act.

But he refrained from using F-bombs as president in the public eye, though at one point in 2022, he told then-Fort Myers Beach Mayor Ray Murphy that "No one f--ks with a Biden" in a hot mic moment.

The public has seemingly grown more accustomed to hearing politicians use expletives. A YouGov poll found that younger people generally find it more acceptable than their older peers.

On Wednesday, Sen. Bernie Moreno (R-Ohio) dropped an F-bomb in a Senate hearing while grilling Dr. Anthony Fauci.

Not just presidents

"Who the f--k do you think you were for doing that?" Moreno fumed at him in a viral moment while grilling him over COVID-19-era lockdown policies.

Democrats have also increasingly become potty mouths. Last year, Rep. Susie Lee (D-Nev.) went viral for an X post where she said, "So f--king f--ked up. I'll pray they f--k him to his face," in response to an article about Trump attending the Supreme Court hearing on the birthright citizenship case.

"Sorry I just say f--k a lot these days."

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'Drunk' cruise cad 'hit kids'

A black-out drunk cruise passenger punched a pair of kids in the face and stomach while they were playing tag in the ship's hallway, according to police.

The brute, identified as David Crosby II, 44, was running down the hallway with three children on the Carnival Glory cruise in Florida on Sunday when he "suddenly stopped running and struck" two of the kids, according to an affidavit obtained by People magazine.

He hit one child in the face, causing a bloody lip and head pain, and socked another in the stomach, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office said.

The incident was captured on the ship's security cameras, cops said. Crosby was "heavily intoxicated" and claimed he did not remember the incident, according to the affidavit.

It's not clear how old the children are or if they have any relationship to Crosby.

Cosby, who is originally from Georgia, was charged with child abuse and booked at the Brevard County Jail. *Patrick Reilly*

Missing mom seen on video

A North Carolina mom was seen on newly released video jumping into the water and swimming around hours before she was reported missing on the Caribbean island of Grenada.

Elizabeth "Liz" Waddell, 44, a physical therapist from Cary, NC, was staying at an Airbnb with a friend in the white sand beach resort neighborhood of Grand Anse in the capital of St. George's the day she vanished, police said.

Haunting surveillance cameras from the rental property captured Waddell enjoying the tropical getaway hours before her last possible sighting, her family said Wednesday.

The North Carolina native was first seen walking toward the beach at 11:45 a.m. before jumping off a jetty and into the water two minutes later, according to the video shared by her family.

Waddell returned to view 19 minutes later and began a trek toward Grand Anse beach at 12:04 a.m., her husband, Cailen Waddell, said. *Nicholas McEntyre*

Vet cop's in tears

Tells trial of finding 3 kids slain by ma

By PRISCILLA DeGREGORY

BEHIND THE SMILES: Lindsay Clancy claims postpartum psychosis resulted in her strangling Cora, 5, Dawson, 3, and Callan, 8 months. Officer Stephen Hall (bottom) broke down on the stand Thursday.

Testimony Thursday in Lindsay Clancy's murder trial was the most harrowing yet with nine first responders recalling the horrifying moment they discovered her three strangled kids — a scene that brought one veteran cop to tears on the stand.

Police Officer Stephen Hall told jurors gut-wrenching details about the condition of the children when he arrived at Clancy's Duxbury, Mass., home and how he heard now-ex-husband Patrick Clancy screaming, "I can't wake them up!"

During the difficult testimony, Hall — a 43-year-old cop with 11 years on the force — paused, drawing deep, slow breaths, and took off his glasses so he could wipe his eyes with his hand. When he resumed answering questions, his voice broke and he wiped under his left eye.

Hall said he "heard a scream from inside" the house and went to the basement with his partner, Officer Brian Josephine, to find Patrick frantically trying to come to terms with the heartbreaking situation.

'I can't wake them up!'

Patrick said, "I can't wake them up!" Hall recounted hearing before he saw Clancy's middle child, Dawson, 3, lying lifeless.

"He was discolored, like a blueish, purple," Hall told the jury in the Plymouth, Mass., courtroom.

Hall and Josephine rushed Dawson to an ambulance so paramedics could try to revive him, before the partners hurried inside to find kids Cora, 5, and 8-month-old Callan motionless on the floor, Hall told the jury.

"She killed the f--king kids!" Josephine said Patrick yelled.

Suicide attempt

Lindsay, 35, a former labor and delivery nurse, is on trial for strangling the children with exercise bands on the evening of Jan. 24, 2023. She also downed medication, slashed her wrists and neck and threw herself out her second-story bedroom window in a suicide attempt that left her paralyzed.

Lindsay's lawyer will ask the jury to find her not guilty by reason of insanity, claiming she was in the throes of severe postpartum psychosis caused partly by a cocktail of drugs prescribed by her doctors.

Josephine described in graphic detail for the jury the condition in which he found the kids, including gray skin, blue lips, bloodshot eyes and marks on their necks from the elastic bands.

Josephine "knew it wasn't going to be good" when he approached Dawson.

He checked for a pulse on the boy's neck and saw "red marks" there.

After Josephine brought Dawson to the ambulance, he returned to give the 5-year-old girl CPR and it "felt like forever" as she was the last of the kids to be brought to an ambulance.

When Josephine and Hall went to the kitchen after, Patrick was there "frantic" and "in shock," Josephine said. He was "still screaming and losing himself," the cop said.

Lindsay was on her back moaning in the backyard, coming "in and out of consciousness" with bloody cuts on her wrists and neck, Hall told the jury.

Lindsay, who comes to court in a wheelchair since she was paralyzed in the plunge, and Patrick — who has since remarried — have filed lawsuits against her doctors claiming they failed to properly diagnose her and overprescribed her powerful prescription drugs.

AP

War kids, families reunited

Five Ukrainian and Russian children separated from their families during the four-year-old European war are back with their relatives, First Lady Melania Trump announced Thursday morning.

"While diplomacy and peace-building are important to this effort, they are surpassed by our collective ability to place children above international disputes," the Slovenia-born Melania said in a statement released by the White House. "Every reunion is a reminder that compassion, dignity, and family can transcend even the darkest of times: war. My representative and I continue working with the governments of Russia and Ukraine to safely return children to their families and communities."

Thursday marked the fifth time kids affected by Europe's biggest conflict since World War II have been reunited with their families since the first lady announced this past October that she established an "open channel" with Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss the topic.

At least 27 children have been brought back home on these occasions, with at least 22 of them coming from Ukrainian families.

Samuel Chamberlain

'Gilgo punk' home prank

Two masked men stormed the Gilgo Beach serial killer's Long Island house of horrors in what his ex-wife called an attempted break-in — but may have simply been a ding-dong-ditch prank.

The trespassers, who appear to be teenagers in ski-masks, were caught on doorbell-camera footage ringing the bell and immediately taking off, as Heuermann's ex-wife, Asa Ellerup, and their two children were inside, according to video and statements obtained by Newsday.

Nassau County cops said the incident wasn't enough to warrant an attempted-break-in charge, according to the outlet. *Brandon Cruz*

Ivy students drop Israel-divest demand

The student workers union at Columbia University dropped its Israel divestment demand — marking a loss for anti-Israel protesters as their group leader admitted it must "face the realities."

The union on Tuesday scrapped part of a contract it had been negotiating with the Ivy League school that called for it to withdraw financial investments from companies that do business with Israel, The Columbia Spectator reported.

"You start off a campaign with one thing, and then as you bargain, you have to face the realities of where you are," Student Workers of Columbia-United Auto Workers President Grant Miner told the paper.

The union had included major demands, including that the school divest from companies in violation of "international law," a measure targeted at Israel.

The union, which is made up of 3,000 undergrads, has been negotiating a contract with the university since last year, with demands leading to a stalemate.

A Columbia investment committee had rejected student protester demands that the university divest from Israel, saying some of the demands were too vague with no consensus on campus, according to the Times of Israel. It also said it was not financially viable.

The "divestment" protest movement calls for withdrawing stocks, funds and investments from companies that do business with Israel.

Columbia became a hotbed for anti-Israel protests in the aftermath of Oct. 7, 2023, when Hamas attacked the Jewish state, sparking a war.

Students spent weeks in the spring of 2024 camping on the university's South Lawn. *Natalie O'Neill*

COP IN DISGUISE
Eyeing motorists on phones.

Busted by man in green

This was no bush league move.

A New Jersey cop disguised himself as a shrub on Wednesday to help bust over 70 distracted drivers on a heavily trafficked road.

The Dunellen Police Department used the swampish costume to covertly conduct a distracted-driving enforcement operation in the Middlesex County town, according to a social-media post from the force.

The six-hour operation — meant to enforce the state's handheld cellphone law and promote safety — resulted in 74 citations to drivers distracted by their devices.

"Our 'shrub' was busy. We issued 74 citations to drivers distracted by their devices in a six-hour window," the department wrote in a statement.

The law prohibits drivers from using a handheld cellphone or device — resulting in fines of $200 to $400 for a first offense. *Zoe Hussain*

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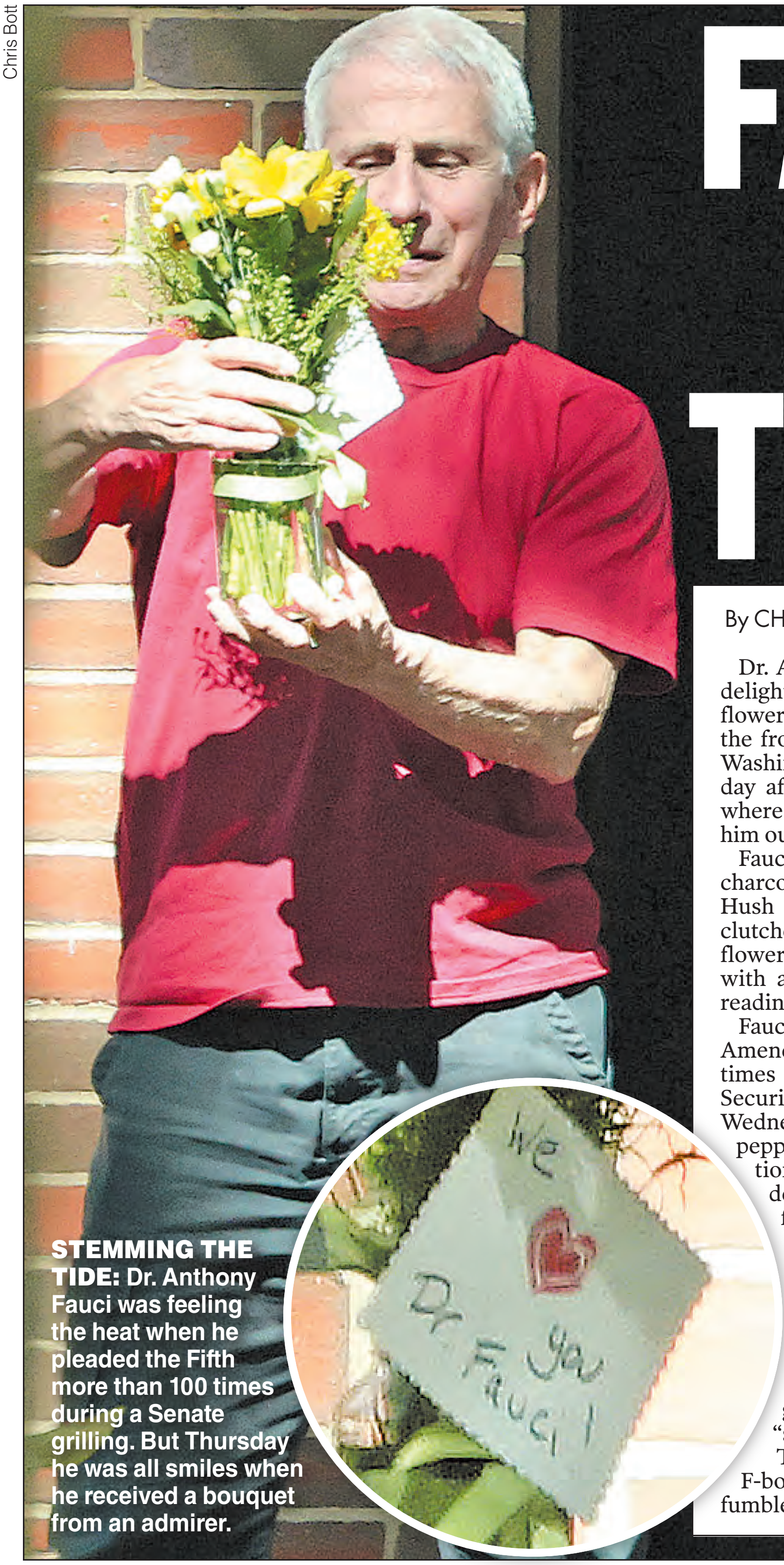
15 years for shooter's dad

A man who gave his troubled son the rifle he used to kill four people at a Georgia high school was sentenced Thursday to 15 years in prison, the culmination of the state's first case in which a parent was convicted of second-degree murder for a mass shooting committed by his child.

Colt Gray, 16, was sentenced to life in prison without parole Tuesday for the 2024 school shooting by a Barrow County judge. Two days later, the same judge sentenced his 55-year-old father, Colin Gray. *Reuters*

Flowers sent after disastrous hearing

FAUCI FAN SEEDS' THE FIFTH



Chris Bott

STEMMING THE TIDE: Dr. Anthony Fauci was feeling the heat when he pleaded the Fifth more than 100 times during a Senate grilling. But Thursday he was all smiles when he received a bouquet from an admirer.

We ♥ you Dr. Fauci!

By CHRIS NESI and VICTOR NAVA

Dr. Anthony Fauci beamed with delight Thursday as he collected flowers from an admirer placed on the front steps of his $2.4 million Washington, DC, home, less than a day after a jaw-dropping hearing where Republican senators took him out to the woodshed.

Fauci, wearing a red T-shirt, charcoal cargo pants and a pair of Hush Puppies, grinned as he clutched the bouquet of yellow flowers, which had been adorned with a hand-written note (inset) reading, "we ♥ you Dr. Fauci!"

Fauci, 85, invoked his Fifth Amendment rights more than 100 times during a Senate Homeland Security Committee hearing Wednesday as Senate Republicans peppered him with pointed questions about the COVID-19 pandemic, in which he was a key figure.

After his disastrous performance at the hearing, Fauci took in the air with his wife, Christine Grady, on a walk about the couple's posh DC neighborhood, and was overheard grousing that someone was "shouting at me."

The good doctor even let an F-bomb fly as he awkwardly fumbled with his phone, visibly frustrated by the apparent attention.

The Brooklyn-born doctor had been hauled in to testify after being subpoenaed by Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), who has accused Fauci of covering up the origins of COVID-19 and misleading the public about the disease.

Net worth of $11M

After the four-hour hearing, Paul announced that his committee would begin contempt of Congress proceedings against Fauci over his refusal to answer questions.

Fauci served as the head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for 38 years before his December 2022 retirement. He retired as the nation's highest-paid government employee, earning $481,000 in his last year on the job, with a reported net worth of more than $11 million between him and his wife. In 2023, Fauci joined the faculty of Georgetown University as a distinguished professor at the Infectious Diseases Division in its School of Medicine.

Grady, who served as the chief bioethicist at the National Institutes of Health, was reportedly fired by Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. shortly after the start of President Trump's second term.

Sen. Paul committed to contempt charge

Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) is charging forward with his effort to prosecute Dr. Anthony Fauci after the latter invoked the Fifth Amendment 111 times on questions about his handling of the COVID-19 pandemic during a Senate hearing Wednesday.

Paul has sought at least three prior criminal referrals to prosecute Fauci: two under former President Joe Biden and one renewal under President Trump. But the doctor's shocking non-answers in the most recent hearing prompted Paul to fast-track a motion for contempt of Congress.

"In the past, often, contempt messages go from committee to the floor, but I don't think there's any rule that says it has to," the Senate Homeland Security Committee chairman said Thursday on Fox News.

Contempt of Congress is a criminal misdemeanor that could earn the former White House COVID czar between one to 12 months in prison and a $100,000 fine upon conviction — but has to be approved by a committee, followed by the full chamber in which it originated.

Fauci's attorneys and reps for the US Attorney's Office did not respond to requests for comment. *Josh Christenson*

Dodging a radio fight 'Club'

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LOOKS like someone ordered beef for breakfast. Page Six hears that when singer **K. Michelle** came by iHeartRadio's Manhattan HQ this week, staff were told to keep her and radio host **Angela Yee** apart because of their long-running feud.

The tension dates back to a fiery 2016 "Breakfast Club" interview, shortly after Michelle released her album "More Issues Than Vogue."

During the appearance, the singer confronted then-host Yee about crude comments made by rappers **Maino** and **Uncle Murda**, who had discussed a rumor about Michelle's intimate hygiene when they appeared on the show a few weeks earlier.

She claimed that Yee had brought up the aromatic allegations, giving new life to the mean barbs. A palpably angry Michelle jabbed a finger in Yee's direction, arguing the rehashed hate could have derailed the album's promotion, and told Yee, "It was wrong, it was inappropriate and you didn't think."

It seems that when Michelle visited the studio Wednesday for another appearance on "The Breakfast Club," the network was taking no chances on the beef sizzling again.

Yee now has her own show right after "The Breakfast Club," and a source tells Page Six that when Michelle, who just announced her new country album "Jesus & Whiskey," arrived at the Midtown offices, staff were told to keep the pair apart.

We're told they put Michelle in a different green room from the one "Breakfast Show" guests typically use so that she would be farther away from Yee's studio.

Yee has maintained that she never intended to embarrass the singer, and later said she chose not to escalate the confrontation with Michelle on the air because she didn't think arguing would accomplish anything.

A rep for iHeart told us, "There were no security requests from either party, and they did not see each other while at the iHeart studios."

Page Six has reached out to both women.

He win? No, no, no

AMY Winehouse's dad, **Mitch Winehouse**, has been ordered to pay nearly $2.7 million after accusing two of the late singer's friends of selling her items behind his back. On Wednesday, London Justice **Sarah Clarke** ruled against Mitch's claims that the 2021 action, through Los Angeles' Julien's Auctions, was "deliberately concealed from him" by **Naomi Parry** and **Catriona Gourlay**, according to court documents obtained by Page Six. Clarke said he was "prone to aggressive reactions to perceived wrongs" and "knew all along" about the auction. Mitch must pay more than $760,000 to Parry and more than $527,000 to Gourlay in damages and legal fees. He also racked up $1.28 million in his own legal costs, per the BBC.

Solid as a rock god

ROD Stewart really is forever young! The rock legend — who suffered health setbacks recently with multiple canceled shows in June — belted out hits at a benefit for **Steven Van Zandt**'s Teach Rock charity at a mansion in Southampton. A source at the event tells us Stewart (above) played a "full-blown concert," singing favorites like "The First Cut is the Deepest" and "Forever Young" for an hour and a half. "Everyone was talking about how incredible he looked," said the spy. "He was dancing all around the stage at 81. He is in better shape than men half his age."

Katy Perry and her Canadian beau, Justin Trudeau, look a little overheated yesterday in St-Tropez, where they smooched in the surf (inset).

Splash News/BACKGRID

Full dissclosure

HOWARD Stern won a legal battle against his former assistant after she accused him and his wife, **Beth Stern**, of creating a hostile work environment. A judge ruled against **Leslie Kuhn**'s allegations that the radio host's production company, One Twelve, had forged nondisclosure agreements with her name during her employment as an executive assistant, according to court documents obtained by Page Six. Kuhn, who worked for the Sterns from 2022 until she was fired last February, claimed that her email was hacked in May 2025, but the court obtained an email from her account that read, "Signed NDA attached," along with her electronic signature. The forging allegation was referred to by the judge as "a bald assertion." A rep for the Sterns wasn't available to Page Six for comment, but in court documents Howard referred to the lawsuit as "a thinly veiled attempted shakedown."

Age Only a number

DONNA Mills has launched an OnlyFans account at 85 years old. The "Knots Landing" icon told us in a statement yesterday that she has no fears over being OnlyFans' oldest creator. "Honey, I've been in this business over 50 years . . . I've seen every trend come and go," Mills (above) said. "When something new comes along that lets me talk directly to the people who've stuck with me since 'Knots Landing,' why wouldn't I jump in? My fans are going to see the real me: the good hair days, the bad hair days and everything in between." She added, "People keep asking me why now. Why not now? Life's too short to sit on the sidelines." Mills played glamorous Abby Cunningham on the primetime soap opera from 1980 to 1989.

Leto stays on the client list

THE Wednesday headlines were brutal: "Ten Women Accuse **Jared Leto** of Sexual Misconduct in BBC Report" (the New York Times). "4 women accuse U.S. actor Jared Leto of committing sexual offenses when they were teens; he denies it" (CBS News). But as the day came to a close, the "Suicide Squad" star still had an agent. WME, which has represented the Oscar-winning actor since 2018, told Page Six Hollywood that he remains a client. When asked if the agency's client advisory committee was reviewing the very serious sexual assault allegations made in a BBC documentary, a spokesperson said no. Leto has denied the allegations, stating, "I have never sexually assaulted anyone in my entire life. These claims are absolutely and categorically false." Project-wise, he didn't have much on the horizon outside of the thriller "Lunik Heist" for Searchlight Pictures. A Searchlight spokesperson says there has been no change in the status of the project. In the wake of the #MeToo movement in 2017, WME created a committee to determine the fate of clients accused of sexual misconduct and tossed everyone from **Brett Ratner** to **Armie Hammer**.

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Prez: I'd pull AG nominee

Responds to GOP holdouts

By JOSH CHRISTENSON

WASHINGTON — Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche's bid to run the Justice Department hung in the balance Thursday as a handful of Senate Republicans vowed not to give him their votes — and President Trump threatened to yank his nominee over opposition to a nearly $1.8 billion so-called "weaponization" fund.

Sens. John Cornyn (R-Texas) and Thom Tillis (R-NC) have both opposed Blanche's nomination in the Judiciary Committee until they receive confirmation in writing that the fund won't be reconstituted — despite Blanche having testified that it was "dead" during a recent hearing.

Willing to wait

"I have no objection to temporarily withdrawing Todd's name, if they do not do the right thing, and putting him back after Cornyn and Tillis are out of office," Trump posted on his Truth Social later Thursday.

Cornyn fired back in an X post: "POTUS is mistaken if he believes concerns about the provisions in his tax lawsuit settlement are limited to me and Senator Tillis."

TODD BLANCHE
Acting AG — for now.

Trump sued the IRS for leaking his and his family members' confidential tax returns to The New York Times in 2019. The case resulted in a May settlement with the DOJ that created the anti-weaponization fund worth $1.776 billion to be paid out to alleged victims of government overreach, including possibly defendants of the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot.

Bipartisan lawmakers bashed the settlement as a private slush fund.

"We're asking them to confirm his sworn testimony at the hearing about the scope of the release and what it covers and what it doesn't cover," Cornyn also told reporters Thursday.

But sources familiar with the standoff told The Post that Cornyn "has not been acting in good faith," had canceled three meetings with Blanche and had already been handed written proposals for eliminating the fund.

"He just keeps moving the f--king goal posts," one person griped, adding that Tillis was "standing by his friend" in opposition to Trump.

Cornyn told reporters of Blanche: "I'm happy to meet with him as soon as they produce the documentation we requested."

He and Tillis had their political careers derailed by the president in the past year when they were denied Trump endorsements for 2026 — something the president boasted about in his Thursday post.

'Complications'

"I thought we were pretty close to landing the plane last night. But this morning there's been some more complications," Cornyn told reporters Thursday morning.

"Apparently he's getting some pushback from higher-ups at the White House," added the Texas Republican. "I don't know who, but this doesn't need to be this hard."

"I don't know whether they think they can wait us out or we'll cave, but I assure you, we won't," Cornyn went on.

Kid, 9, mauled by dog pack

A 9-year-old American boy collecting sand on a beach in the Bahamas was viciously attacked by multiple dogs Tuesday and airlifted back to Florida for medical treatment.

The gruesome attack took place around 10:30 a.m. Tuesday on a beach in Alice Town, the capital of North Bimini Island, CBS News reported, citing the Royal Bahamas Police Force.

Police said the young boy had gone down to the beach to collect sand when the attack unfolded.

A male passerby intervened during the attack and was able to chase away the aggressive canines, according to police.

The unidentified youngster sustained multiple bite wounds to his right thigh, right arm, left leg, face and head.

He was taken to a local hospital. But his injuries were so severe that the US Coast Guard flew him to Miami for treatment.

The boy's condition remained unknown as of Wednesday.

Police have identified the savage dogs' owner, who is assisting the local cops in locating, securing and removing the dogs, the outlet reported. *Ella Morrison*

Body found in suitcase in Greece

The body of a 38-year-old Scottish woman was found jammed inside a suitcase in a derelict building in Greece, and authorities are investigating the circumstances behind her mysterious death.

The woman, who had been traveling and was staying in Athens with friends, has been identified as Elizabeth Jane Ross, Greece's state broadcasting service ERT said.

Greek police were alerted to her location by a local homeless man on July 18 after he discovered the suitcase in an abandoned building in the foreign traveler hotspot of Kypseli, but she is believed to have died as many as eight days before she was found, according to The Guardian.

She arrived in Athens on June 29 after visiting nearby Cyprus, and was traveling in the US before that. Her friends reported last seeing her on July 15, the outlet reported.

Although investigators found "no evidence" of a struggle or obvious signs of injury, authorities are treating her death "as a criminal act, given how the body was found," Greek police spokeswoman Konstantina Dimoglidou told Skai TV.

Authorities said Ross' cause of death was not immediately certain, and that they're awaiting results from the medical examiner.

Fingerprints lifted from the scene were sent to Interpol after local databases turned up no matches, and The Guardian reports US authorities provided evidence based on the DNA local police released Wednesday. *Chris Nesi*

Rare disease kid death

A 5-year-old boy died suddenly while on a family vacation after a stomach ache turned out to be an extremely rare disease.

"5 days in the hospital and he was gone," said Terese Peden, the grieving mother of Justin Vu, in an interview with KDVR.

Denver-based Peden, her husband, Viet Vu, and their children were in Oregon to visit family in late June when on the fourth day of the trip, Justin complained of a stomachache, she said.

That quickly progressed so, Peden took Justin to the hospital, where she said his condition worsened.

Justin was eventually diagnosed with Systemic Capillary Leak Syndrome, also known as Clarkson's Disease, and passed away on July 8. *Anthony Blair*

Body-fixated mogul's disease, regret

'I'VE CLONE TOO FAR'

BODY SHAME: Tech millionaire Bryan Johnson said he may have gone "too far" in his tactics to ensure a long life after contracting the incurable autoimmune gastritis.

Magdalena Wosinska

By ANTHONY BLAIR

Bryan Johnson, the eccentric US tech millionaire, has stunningly admitted he may have gone too far in his quest to defy death.

The 48-year-old made the candid confession on X on Wednesday following his diagnosis with an autoimmune disease.

"Been thinking things over and wonder if I've taken this whole longevity thing too far," he wrote.

It comes just over a week after the entrepreneur claimed he cloned himself as a newborn baby to harvest the organs, describing the science fiction-sounding plan as a "frontier of new paths" to reverse aging.

"I just cloned myself . . . as a newborn," Johnson wrote on X last Tuesday. "This may be scary to some people . . . a dystopian future."

Using his own blood cells, the mad scientist created induced pluripotent stem cells, using the process to model cell therapies in a lab dish.

Son his 'blood boy'

In recent years, Johnson, a California-based venture capitalist, has become notorious for his attempts to defy death and reverse the aging process.

He has spent approximately $10 million on longevity research, health-monitoring protocols, and even injecting himself with his son's blood plasma, while following a strict regimen of supplements.

He has even referred to his teenage son as his "blood boy."

However, with his recent admission that he has developed autoimmune gastritis, an incurable chronic condition affecting the stomach lining, Johnson appears to have had a change of heart.

Johnson has faced everything from derision to horror over his stunts, from sharing detailed reports about his wife's vagina and the volume of microplastics in his sperm on social media, to claiming to have produced a newborn clone of himself.

His obsession with his own bodily fluids aims to preserve the fertility levels of a significantly larger man.

Johnson claims to have eliminated 95% of microplastics from his semen by spending 20 minutes daily in dry saunas while applying an ice pack to his groin area.

As part of his so-called "Project Blueprint Protocol," Johnson takes over 100 daily supplements and prescriptions, including pills, powders and specialized medical therapies.

His 100% plant-based diet involves consuming all his food across a tight six-hour window in the morning, starting shortly after he wakes up at 5 a.m. and ending at around 11:30 a.m.

He also works out seven days a week, 60 to 90 minutes at a time.

Squalor house mom booked into jail

The mother of 16 kids kept crammed in a sickening house of horrors cowered as she was booked into jail — and appeared to try and hide a mysterious mark on her arm, new footage shows.

Elizabeth Siders, 33, looked frightened and submissive as she was searched by officers at the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail on July 1 after she, her husband and her in-laws were found living in squalor with the children at their home, according to video from the facility obtained by Plunder True Crime.

Wearing a baggy red T-shirt, sweatpants and orange flip-flops, Siders kept her head down and obediently complied with the officers' commands — and continued to rub and cover a dark mark on her left arm, the footage, which has no audio, shows.

Elizabeth Siders, her husband Gary Siders Jr., 37, her mother-in-law Christina Siders, 67, and father-in-law Gary Siders Sr., 73, were arrested after authorities descended on their home in Southeastern Ohio and found the 16 children, who police said "looked like almost feral animals."

The kids, who are between 18 months and 18 years old, were living in a trash and feces-filled room, confined to the cramped space for at least the past four years, said authorities.

Siders, her husband and her inlaws were each slapped with 16 counts of felony child endangerment. She is currently being held on a $300,000 bond. *Patrick Reilly*

Over the influencers

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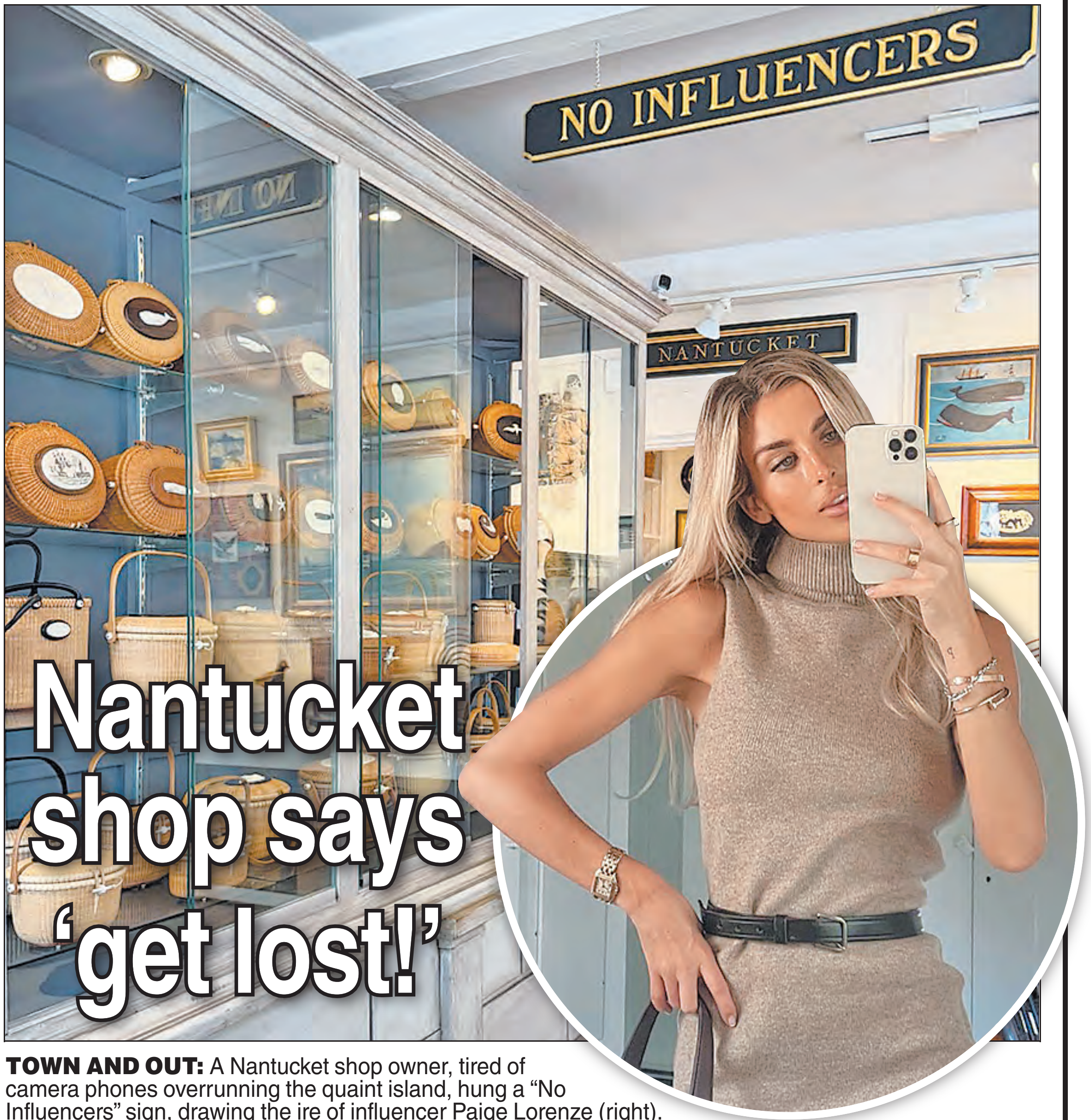

Nantucket shop says ‘get lost!’

TOWN AND OUT: A Nantucket shop owner, tired of camera phones overrunning the quaint island, hung a “No Influencers” sign, drawing the ire of influencer Paige Lorenze (right).

THERE’S big influencer drama on the little island of Nantucket — and there’s a reason we’re all invested.

Because most lifestyle content creators are simply insufferable.

Over dinner this week, a friend who is a regular on the quaint New England isle asked if I was up to date on the brouhaha.

“All you see on the cobblestone streets are people with their ring lights filming content,” she said, noting that locals in the tony but laid-back town have had it with the annoying interlopers.

The relentless influx of the camera wielders and posers led John Sylvia, the owner of Four Winds Craft Guild, an antique store opened in 1948, to hang a “No Influencers” sign in the shop.

True to the island’s quiet luxury ethos, it wasn’t a blaring neon sign meant as an official edict. Made in a nautical style, it’s a cheeky and subtle commentary on the invasion of the quaint enclave by these intrepid cultural explorers.

The store posted an image of the sign on Instagram. And it didn’t go over well with some.

Swam like locusts

One thin-skinned influencer — with millions of followers but not an ounce of self-awareness — took great offense and, bizarrely, attempted to turn the sign into her great feminist moment.

“Mocking women when they become powerful in a new industry isn’t new,” wrote Paige Lorenze, under the shop’s post.

She recently hung her own shingle there, selling items from her Dairy Boy brand.

“It’s just a strange message coming from a store that celebrates a craft with such a rich history of women shaping the island and its economy,” Lorenze added.

She is truly missing the point: Male influencers can be just as annoying as the women.

Lorenze has done a great job of turning her good looks and slim build into an online moneymaker. But she’s so vain, she definitely thinks that sign is about her.

Or about women in general. However, when you have no real argument — or ability to laugh at yourself — you reach for victimhood.

By the morning after my dinner, the back-and-forth was laid out in The New York Times and various other outlets. After all, it was made for virality.

It resonated because this isn’t confined to Nantucket. There, it’s simply more concentrated.

Like locusts, the self-styled lifestyle experts swarm small towns and big cities alike.

This fuss is reminiscent of the episode of “Emily in Paris” in which an influencer posts about a small Italian village where a famous cashmere brand is made — and it’s suddenly besieged by clueless vultures with cameras.

I think back to 2013, when mad-scientist pastry chef Dominique Ansel introduced the cronut in NYC. It led to a ridiculous line that lasted for hours and stretched for blocks.

This curious queue was the object of fascination from every form of media, covered as breathlessly as some sort of new animal at the Bronx Zoo.

We didn’t realize that it was also a harbinger of things to come: that ridiculous lines outside of establishments would be our future.

At least Ansel was slinging delicious quality morsels. And something novel.

Reviewing reviewers

Nowadays, there are long lines of tourists waiting outside subpar establishments, just for the gram.

It’s turned simple pleasures like grabbing a bagel on Sunday into something as painful as waiting in the DMV.

Sure, there are some influencers who make clever content — who have a unique or useful point of view. But most of it is just derivative slop dedicated to gluttonous consumption. It’s pure narcissism.

Followers watch them open packages or show off their new Hill House dress in front of a hydrangea bush, and many suckers even buy the products through the influencers’ accounts.

Lately, the most entertaining stuff online is the content ridiculing the phenomenon. One of the best is the pair of friends behind “The Brooklyn Stoop,” who act like ambulance chasers promising to go after influencers compensated to promote unremarkable grub. They’re “reviewing the reviewer.”

“If they got paid, you got played” is their tagline.

Social media has made our world smaller and more connected. It’s also enabled some of the most poorly behaved, entitled idiots on this earth and ruined the pristine beauty of many spots.

Though Nantucket shop owner Sylvia didn’t mean to, he’s influenced me. I want to buy one of his signs.

‘Miracle’ baby in gun rap

A Rhode Island man — whose birth was recognized by Pope Leo as a miracle after he was deprived of oxygen for over an hour before recovering without medical intervention more than a decade ago — has been arrested in connection with a double shooting.

Tyquan Johnson, 19, was captured by the US Marshals fugitive task force at an apartment in Virginia Wednesday morning after he was wanted for allegedly shooting two people, the Newport Police Department announced.

Johnson is accused of committing the crime in Newport on July 19 and allegedly fled to Virginia as officials issued a warrant for his arrest.

Both victims sustained non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

Authorities said they were seeking a second unidentified individual for questioning.

Johnson has been charged with felony assault with a firearm and firing in a compact area, police said.

The arrest comes almost exactly a year after Pope Leo XIV declared Johnson’s 2007 birth the first miracle of his papacy and the first-ever recognized miracle in Rhode Island, the Boston Globe reported.

Richard Pollina

Cartel ‘big’ ‘behind’ slay

The alleged leader of a criminal cell linked to Mexico’s powerful Jalisco New Generation Cartel has been arrested for ordering the assassination of a mayor in Michoacan state, Security Minister Omar Garcia said in a post on X on Thursday.

The slain mayor, Carlos Manzo of the city of Uruapan, was known for publicly criticizing the Mexican government’s lack of action against crime in his region.

The detainee, identified as Ramon Angel and known by the alias “El R1,” is the suspected leader of “Los Rs,” a cell allegedly linked to the Jalisco New Generation Cartel, Garcia said. *Reuters*

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AI'S 'WORKING'

Business tool to cut costs & aid promotion

LYDIA MOYNIHAN

IF you listen to the loudest voices in the artificial-intelligence debate, you would think America is on the brink of an apocalypse and that "Terminator"-style robots are hunting humans, rogue computers are turning on their creators like HAL in "2001: A Space Odyssey," mass layoffs are rampant and data centers are destroying all of our small towns.

But three years after ChatGPT was first introduced, the new normal of life with AI so far is a lot less dire and a lot more convenient.

The technology has enabled medical professionals to spend more time with their patients, allowed small-business owners to expand more quickly and hire more employees and helped entrepreneurs promote their endeavors.

That is the emerging picture from people I spoke with across the country, and it's also reflected in the data. Google's recent ATLAS study of 15 million Gemini users found AI is primarily used as a complement to work and doesn't replace human work.

There are, of course, legitimate concerns about privacy, misinformation and whether artificial intelligence might be fueling some people's delusions — but there is also a great danger in refusing to adopt the most important technology of the modern age.

Many tech executives I spoke with suggested the real fear is not getting replaced by AI but rather getting replaced by someone who knows how to use AI.

That's also how Ita Reyes, who runs Ita Yoga Studio in Ann Arbor, Mich., sees it. "When the internet showed up . . . if you didn't jump on it you were left out," Reyes, who also manages a hardware store with her husband, told me. "This is the same exact turning-point moment . . . If you don't jump into this wagon, you're going to be left behind . . . It is such a simple, simple tool that can do so much. Why would you not give that to yourself and to your business?"

Reyes credits her Meta glasses, which can record footage and upload her photos, with making it easier to promote her studio. "As soon as those came out, I started taking content with them . . . for my social media."

Social-media boost

Another husband-and-wife team, TJ and Kayce Weed, praised Meta's AI for helping them to easily amp up their marketing and social media for their coffee shops in northeastern Louisiana.

Using the high-tech tools, they've been able to bring in more revenue and focus on expansion. No one has lost their job — quite the opposite in fact.

"We have actually hired more people because we have gotten busier. So I'm able to be in the background more and handle more business aspects and actually be a business owner," said Kayce, who has used AI to optimize and proofread social-media posts.

TJ has used the tech to run the numbers on the back end. "[I'm] looking at our profit margins, and do we need to adjust pricing, and letting AI kind of like loop through it."

Charlotte Coates, a psychiatric mental-health nurse practitioner based in Dallas, is already seeing artificial intelligence reshape the medical landscape in a way that gives clinicians more time to focus on patients.

"Using AI in the last two years has significantly reduced administrative overhead," said Coates, the founding clinical lead at Legion Health, a virtual health clinic. "It lets me refocus on what I think is core to the role — developing a treatment plan, focusing on patients."

For new patients, especially those arriving with multiple records, AI helps her quickly figure out what is going on. An AI "reads through documentation and forms and questions and gives a summary," she explained.

Besides providing benefits to small businesses and those that work for them, AI is also creating thousands of new jobs to build its physical infrastructure.

Electricians, welders, construction workers and technicians are all in demand to build the data centers and their power systems and cooling networks.

Companies like Meta and Google are now spending tens of millions — $115 million and $50 million, respectively, this year alone — to train electricians, welders and other skilled trades workers. The AI boom depends on physical infrastructure that only these workers can build.

Residents in towns willing to host that infrastructure are also seeing the upside.

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A LOT'S BREWING: Kayce Weed said AI helped grow her coffee business in Louisiana to the point where she hired more workers. She also uses the tech to calculate pricing strategies.

Big tax revenues

In Louisiana's rural Richland Parish, teachers are receiving bonuses of more than $50,000 this year after local sales-tax revenue more than doubled thanks to construction of Meta's massive Hyperion data center.

A town with just 20,000 people has already collected more than $40 million in sales and use taxes in the first nine months of the fiscal year thanks to embracing data centers.

That is the story Meta is telling. Last week the company launched its "The Future is for Everyone" campaign, which

OUT FOR THEM

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STEP FORWARD: Ita Reyes has a yoga studio in Michigan and uses tech for social-media reach, and Charlotte Coates (bottom), a nurse practitioner in Dallas, credits AI with reducing administrative costs.

highlights stories like those of Reyes and the Weeds — ordinary people using AI to build their businesses and share in the benefits of the new technology.

Dina Powell McCormick, Meta's president and vice chairman, has been one of the most visible AI optimists. "By working together, we can make this moment transformational for humanity. The future can be for everyone."

Still, some of the masterminds behind the tech are stuck in a doom-and-gloom mindset. Open AI's Sam Altman and Anthropic's Dario Amodei both signed a 2023 statement declaring that "mitigating the risk of extinction from AI should be a global priority alongside other societal-scale risks such as pandemics and nuclear war."

Elon Musk has called Artificial General Intelligence a "significantly higher risk than nuclear weapons."

Of course, these titans have done so while spending billion to develop the systems faster, raising questions about why they're simultaneously trying to terrify people while still moving forward with the technology.

'Humans in the loop'

To be sure, some disruption is inevitable. Young workers may face new barriers in certain entry-level roles and of course no one knows how the technology may evolve. Meta has indeed had widely publicized layoffs, where 8,000 employees (roughly 10% of its workforce) got pink slips. But reports suggested some of that was to remove jobs that were redundant, with or without AI.

But so far, mass displacement simply is not happening.

AI is both skill-biased and labor-augmenting. It "relies on humans in the loop to direct and evaluate the most complex work" and "broadens the scope of what people can accomplish," Anthropic's head of economics, Peter McCrory, wrote in a recent analysis.

That view is echoed in broader surveys. The World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs Report projects 170 million new roles created versus 92 million displaced by 2030 — a net gain of roughly 78 million jobs.

And we have seen this movie before. When electricity first arrived, critics feared electrocution, fires, job losses and social disruption. Instead, it transformed homes, cities, medicine and industry — creating huge productivity gains and new forms of work and leisure.

It is legitimate to ask hard questions about AI. It is even legitimate to fear the unknown. But it's also legitimate to fear what happens when people won't adopt it.

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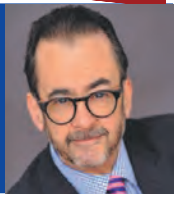

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Ohio man shot dead in PR

An Ohio man living in Puerto Rico was gunned down execution-style while camping by himself at a remote beach on the Caribbean island — as friends said he complained about a man called "the howler" in his final messages to them.

Tyler Wilkin was discovered shot to death near the forest-isolated Playa la Selva in the northeast corner of the island at around 6 a.m. on July 10 when a beachgoer was on their morning walk, WKRC reported.

The 35-year-old suffered a single gunshot wound to the back of the head while local police believe he was shot at close range in an execution-style slaying, the outlet reported.

Wilkin was dropped off at the remote campsite by his girlfriend on July 8, where he stayed for two days before he made eerie complaints about an individual nicknamed "the howler" causing trouble during his stay.

The unidentified man had been lighting fireworks near Wilkin's campsite and "howling like a wolf."

"The howler is back!" Wilkin wrote in a message to a friend the night he was killed.

His last message came hours later, Wilkin's girlfriend, Iva Mo, said.

"At two in the morning, like two hours later, he said something like, 'This guy is getting rowdy, LOL.' And that was the last that we ever heard of him," Mo told the outlet. *Nicholas McEntyre*

Aussie hiker dies in Wyo.

An Australian hiker was found dead in a remote stretch between two Wyoming national parks nearly a week after losing contact with his family, according to authorities.

The body of William Standish, 28, was discovered by rescuers Wednesday in the Wigwams, a series of peaks on the Teton mountain range, the Teton County Coroner confirmed.

Standish was attempting a thru-hike of the Continental Divide Trail between Yellowstone and Grand Teton parks when he vanished.

Zoe Hussain

FIGHT ONLINE LIES

Pushing back vs. abusive trolling

By LIZ FRASER

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REWRITING A WRONG: Author and publisher Liz Fraser is through being a victim of online mistruths.

Go ahead and ask the internet who I am — you will learn a lot about me.

I've abandoned my children — one of whom was taken away from me. Once, I tried to run somebody over with a car. I have stolen and extorted money from vulnerable women — victims of domestic violence. I was never actually diagnosed with complex PTSD — I made that up.

I also have lied, repeatedly, about my job history, inventing career milestones that never happened. On top of all of that, I've been cut off by my family.

None of these things are true.

An army of online bullies made them up — mostly groups of other trolling, stalking women who have engaged in a concerted, organized campaign over the period of nearly a decade, trying to destroy my reputation.

And I've been powerless, for years, to do anything to stop them from their lying.

Here's what is true: I'm a mom, I love my family. I've worked hard in a nearly 30-year career in media and entertainment, where I'm thrilled I get to help people.

Attacked for sharing

I started in television in the UK, back in the late '90s. I wasn't what you'd call famous, but I was respected and known by my peers.

After I married and had my first three kids (I now have four, aged 28 to 8), I became a parenting commentator and writer, mostly about family life and motherhood.

I've written five books, of which two are international bestsellers.

I have put personal things out into the world about my life, all carefully documented for accuracy — about getting divorced and about living with an alcoholic. My goal was to help others. Yes, I chose to share these details.

For this, I have been abused. Relentlessly, for years. I'm talking about a sustained and coordinated campaign of stalking, harassment, defamation. The perpetrators have come closer to breaking me than any other challenge I've ever faced.

These trolls — moms, grandmothers, people you'd say hello to at the grocery store — have targeted my friends, followers, employers, colleagues, business clients, children and romantic partners. Their abuse has touched and destroyed almost every aspect of my life.

Hiding behind anonymous pseudonyms and handles, they share extraordinary and elaborate untruths — about me, my conduct, my professional and personal reputation, my suitability as a mother and my credibility as a writer and publisher (I own an independent publishing company).

In close to a million words posted on threads about me — yes, take that in, one million — they have ripped into everything from my physical appearance to my mental health, my private life and my finances.

These obsessive haters have repeated these lies so many times it's become accepted "fact" on these gossip websites where I have countless threads devoted to gossiping about and destroying me — then ingested by other readers, and spread further on parenting forums and gossip websites like a virus with no known cure.

Online bullying is nothing new. We know it as one of the biggest issues of our time. But I think it's about to get a lot worse. This isn't just women or men at home in their bedrooms lashing out. This is a pandemic of group-based, online attacks. And this time, it's not the manosphere, it's not incels — this is females destroying each other for sport.

The women who indulge in this public, unregulated blood-letting feel entitled to say whatever they like — and even claim to be morally duty-bound to expose "bad behavior."

Lives are destroyed

Today, I've never been more passionate about trying to stop this online harassment. For one, let's call it what it is. It's abuse, not trolling. These unregulated gossip sites have become an almost unstoppable tsunami of abuse, where victims' entire lives are destroyed in almost every way.

Friends and family can start to pull away or ghost you altogether when the lies thrown at them by their abusers become too much to bear. A victim can lose their job, reputation, livelihood, marriage, and mental and physical health.

It is serious injury to a person, and the laws and legislation around this dark, poisonous, deadly subject need urgent and major reform.

Big Tech companies need to get on board with putting measures in place to stop group-based abuse, employers need to know how to spot it and support victims, laws need to be introduced to make prosecution easier, and the websites themselves need to be closed down. I hope the work and research I'm doing now will all contribute to making these urgent changes.

One thing that would help immediately would be to stop all anonymous posting. If you refuse to show your real name and your face, you shouldn't be able to rip apart that of others who do.

To remove the anonymity would make most of these abusers run a mile.

Ideally, far, far away from me, and I'll be very happy with that.

UWS stabber charged in hate attacks

'ALLAHU AKBAR' MANIAC INDICT

UNHINGED: Raul Morales (right, following his arrest last week) was indicted Thursday for two July 23 stabbings, including one of Moshe Yezhak Grunhaus.

Anadolu via Getty Images

By KYLE SCHNITZER

The maniac who allegedly went on a stabbing rampage while screaming "Allahu Akbar" on the Upper West Side was indicted for the unhinged, hate-fueled attack, prosecutors announced Thursday.

The Manhattan District Attorney's Office secured an indictment against Raul Morales, the 51-year-old Upper West Side resident who currently stands charged with hate crime raps for each of the two July 23 attacks.

Morales, who wasn't in Manhattan Criminal Court for the brief hearing, allegedly first approached a 57-year-old Asian man from behind while shouting "Allahu Akbar" and plunged a knife into his back near West 84th Street and Central Park West, prosecutors have said.

He then walked passed a synagogue steps from the first stabbing — yelling "Justice for Islam" and "Allahu Akbar," or "God is greater!" in Arabic — before encountering Moshe Yezhak Grunhaus, a 50-year-old Jewish man wearing a kippah, four blocks later near the Jewish Center.

With a screwdriver

Morales allegedly stabbed Grunhaus in the chest with a screwdriver, with witnesses again reporting that he said "Allahu Akbar," according to a criminal complaint.

He was arrested less than an hour after the attack, at his NYCHA apartment just blocks away on Amsterdam Avenue near West 88th Street, where he had barricaded himself, cops have said.

Around 20 supporters of Grunhaus showed up for the court hearing Thursday, including close friend Nava Silton, who said he was healing "little by little."

"He's working hard on healing and he has good people supporting him in that endeavor," Silton said outside the courthouse.

Held at Rikers

Morales remains locked up on Rikers Island and will be arraigned on the indictment on Sept. 22 before Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Althea Drysdale. The charges in the indictment will be revealed during that hearing.

Cops initially hit Morales — a former drug parolee and an apparent onetime Brooklyn security guard — with hate crime raps only for the attack on Grunhaus, but the charges were updated at his criminal court arraignment July 24. He's now charged with two counts of second-degree attempted murder as a hate crime, in addition to assault and attempted assault with hate crime enhancements.

Morales faces up to 40 years in prison if convicted on attempted murder as a hate crime, a class B violent felony, where sentences can run consecutively instead of at the same time.

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Complex Guthrie probe

The embattled Arizona sheriff leading the search for Nancy Guthrie admitted Thursday that analyzing the DNA and digital evidence collected during the six-month-long investigation has been "complex and time-intensive."

Pima County Sheriff Chris Nanos said local police and FBI investigators remain committed to finding 84-year-old Guthrie, despite the few leads that have arisen since the matriarch's February disappearance.

"The Guthrie investigation remains active and ongoing," he said in a statement shared on X.

"A task force of investigators from the Pima County Sheriff's Department and the FBI remains committed to finding Nancy and providing answers to her family. The analysis of DNA and digital evidence has been underway for the past six months.

"This work is complex and time-intensive, but investigators continue to pursue every credible lead."

Nanos echoed the message that Nancy Guthrie's "Today" star daughter, Savannah Guthrie, made in a plea shared online.

"As Savannah Guthrie recently said, it is never too late to do the right thing," he said. "Anyone with information is urged to come forward and help bring this case to a resolution."

Nanos, who has been criticized over his handling of this case, revealed this week that he was "still positive" it would be resolved.

The search for Guthrie has involved local law enforcement as well as FBI investigators. *Chris Bradford*

Senate OKs TSA nom

The Senate Thursday voted to advance David Cummins, a senior vice president of Serco, to head the Transportation Security Administration as Team Trump pushes to privatize screeners at smaller airports.

President Trump in April proposed cutting more than 9,400 workers and just over $1.5 billion (about 20%) from the annual budget of the 60,000-employee TSA that handles airport security operations.

He also proposed requiring smaller airports to use private security, a move that would cut the TSA payroll by more than 4,500 jobs, according to federal estimates. *Reuters*

2 teens stabbed in scooter rob

A rock-hurling crew stabbed two teen boys and snatched their electric scooter in Queens on Wednesday afternoon, cops said.

The seven muggers chucked rocks at two 15-year-olds and one 17-year-old as they demanded the trio hand over what they had minutes before 4 p.m. at 111th Street and 49th Avenue in Corona, police said.

They then stabbed the older teen in the back and right shoulder, slashed one of the younger victims on the face and fled with the scooter, authorities said.

Both injured boys went to the Elmhurst Hospital Center, where they were listed in stable condition.

The other 15-year-old boy was not hurt, police said.

Luinyerbed Marcanoliendo, 18, of Brooklyn — who is accused of knifing one of the teens, an acquaintance — was charged with robbery, gang assault, assault, criminal possession of a weapon and harassment, police said.

He has no previous arrests, according to police.

The other suspects in the stick-up remain at large, cops said. *Amanda Woods*

Unsafe Spaces

WNBA can't deal with pro-woman women

CAROLINE DOWNEY

THE Women's National Basketball Association may claim to put women first, but the league sure has a funny way of showing it. When its leaders aren't giving prodigy Caitlin Clark the cold shoulder or turning a blind eye to her on-court mistreatment, they're telling young female fans to go dribble a football if they insist women's sports should be free of male intrusion.

That's what happened Wednesday when Celeste Keaton, co-owner of the Seattle Storm, publicly exploded at two teen girls for wearing t-shirts reading XX-XY — an implicit message that sports should be separated by sex. Keaton allegedly called the pair "f--king insane" for their quiet protest at a game between the Storm and the Indiana Fever.

That's right: This wealthy, influential woman saw two girls seated courtside respectfully advocating to keep women's sports female — at a women's basketball game featuring high-profile female stars, no less — and thought to herself, "I should berate them for their bigotry."

The optics were too ridiculous to satirize. But they're in keeping with the kerfuffle that followed last week's remarks by the Fever's Sophie Cunningham, who has become a league firebrand for her verbal and even physical defense of Clark, her teammate.

Cunningham told ESPN that true empathy, widely seen as a core female strength, means not lying to those you love about observable reality. "With that love is truth, being honest," she said. "And I want to protect young girls in a locker room, or young girls in sport who shouldn't have to go against biological men."

The "truth" she referenced is that men and women are biologically different down to their DNA, bone structure, muscle mass and other indisputable attributes — and that trans women are biologically male.

And that, in truth, gender-inclusion policies have resulted in an invasion of young women's spaces, opportunities, privacy and safety. Under the pretense of compassion, young female athletes across the country have been subjected to an impossible playing field — and in some cases, voyeurism and sexist attacks.

THANK YOU SOPHIE FOR SPEAKING UP FOR GIRLS!
WE LOVE YOU Soph
Steven Bisig-Imagn Images

Brave: Teen girls faced the WNBA's wrath for trans sports truth-telling.

Pressed by reporters in the article's aftermath, Cunningham doubled down. "I said what I said. I think it's kind of common sense," she stated.

Unlike the senior leaders of her sport, who are choosing cowardice as they kowtow to trans activists, Cunningham is acting like a guardian of the young. She's the big sister in this ugly scenario, looking out for girls' welfare. Her truth-telling is what inspired Keaton's victims to show up for Wednesday's game and display their solidarity.

No, it's the matriarchs of the WNBA — comfortably aged out of the possibility that a man might take their titles and trophies — who are pulling the rug out from these girls. They've already benefited from a long era of fair competition untainted by gender ideology. They lived for years under the paradigm of Title IX (before the Biden administration bastardized it to include gender identity as a protected category).

But now that the zeitgeist is in favor of the "insane," to use Keaton's word, the elders are damning girls as hateful for not wanting to be forced to compete against gender-confused men with huge physical advantages.

And while some accuse the girls of inventing a problem, they're not making this up. The displacement of young women by mediocre male athletes claiming to be women is documented and widespread.

Ahnaleigh Wilson, one of the two teens involved in Wednesday's confrontation, literally lost a state track meet title to a transgender-identifying male athlete two years ago. You'd think Keaton would have the empathy to listen to Wilson, who has encountered an obstacle unfathomable to the sports world during Keaton's youth.

The WNBA has rightly suspended Keaton for five home games and fined her an undisclosed amount for her inappropriate behavior — but the episode demonstrated what a joke the league has become. When the financial stakeholders of a sport that has for decades lived in the NBA's better-attended, far more lucrative shadow can't agree that their players deserve the opportunity to compete with dignity and fairness, they've given the game away.

Feminist advocates laid the WNBA's foundations. They insisted upon the importance of a separate league for women, and fought to give women a chance to excel in their own category. But the guilt-tripping of a small minority has them throwing away those years of progress for the girls who would follow them.

Hypocrisy, and self-sabotage, is apparently in the WNBA's DNA.

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THE WEEK IN WHOPPERS

A diary of disinformation and the delusional

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

2022	Dr. Anthony Fauci	Wednesday
"I am very happy to testify . . . I have nothing to hide. I'm going to . . . cooperate fully."	VS.	"I respectfully decline to answer based upon my rights under the Fifth Amendment."

We say: Fauci took the Fifth to avoid self-incrimination over and over in response to lawmakers' questions on COVID, though a presidential pardon shields him from prosecution and the questions concerned key decisions during the worst health crisis in a century. *Nothing to hide?* Ha! He disproved that 111 times.

THIS EXCUSE

"I [don't turn] over private, identifying information of the citizens of New Jersey."

—NJ Gov. Mikie Sherrill, Wednesday

We say: The feds seek data on 6,600 *non-citizens* who registered to vote in the Garden State (including 400 who *did* vote), but in vowing to never comply, Sherrill referred to them as "citizens." Memo to Sherrill: Your state is part of the US, not its own nation — and *Washington* oversees immigration policy.

THIS PROMISE

"Our five city-run grocery stores will set prices . . . at 30% below typical retail prices."

—Mayor Mamdani, Monday

We say: Please. Those stores won't even open for years (if ever). And if they do, they'll enjoy humongous subsidies *paid for by city taxpayers* — making them, as Jonathan Turley points out, "the most expensive groceries in the city." That is, until supplies run out.

THIS INSINUATION

"After decades of . . . covering for Jeffrey Epstein, the British and American governments seemed to have lost interest in prosecuting sex crimes, [until] the Tate brothers criticized Israel."

—Tucker Carlson in The New York Times, July 23

We say: Most obviously, if law enforcement were cracking down on people who criticize Israel, they'd be targeting much of the US population. Then again, Carlson seems to think the CIA reads his text messages, the 2021 Capitol riot was a "false-flag" operation and Israel may have had Charlie Kirk killed.

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Rein in E-Bikes Now

E-bike crashes have killed 133 people in New York City since 2019, but only now are a few progressive pols admitting the deadly danger — and of course their "solution" is pathetic.

They're scrambling after the death of a 17-year-old kid, but merely calling on state Attorney General Tish James to mandate better *consumer information*.

What nonsense: The obvious answers are stronger policing and stronger laws.

The Legislature needs to require e-bike registration and e-rider licensing. And Mayor Mamdani should rescind his March directive that neutered NYPD e-bike enforcement, stopping cops from issuing criminal summonses for e-bike riders and cyclists for low-level traffic offenses. Now police aren't even much ticketing blatant violations like riding the motorized vehicles on sidewalks and in the wrong direction on streets, or failing to stop at traffic lights and stop signs.

It's nuts: E-bikes are heavier and faster than regular bikes (some hit even 40 miles per hour). Yet advocacy groups, notably Transportation Alternatives, have managed to block any controls, another triumph of ideology over common sense.

A New Jersey teen's e-bike death just led the Garden State to require e-bike registration, with riders needing a valid driver's license or an e-bike license. Surely Albany can match that — if lawmakers can bother to return for a special legislative session.

They've sat too long on Priscilla's Law, which would require licensing, registration and *visible* license plates for e-bikes and e-scooters — that last making it easier to keep illegal, overpowered ones off the streets.

After the first-ever death in a horse-carriage accident, progressives want to shut down that entire industry. They can get a little tough on the outright menace of e-bikes.

Mamdani should get real *today*; the Legislature, as soon as possible: If they don't act, the next e-bike death is on them.

The Left's Medieval Message

Democrats have borrowed a medieval antisemitic conspiracy theory for their midterm campaign message.

For centuries, this evil theory's basic outline has stayed the same. It holds that the Jews, a small group of people from a distant land, who live differently than the rest of us, secretly control everything in our society through their money or their intelligence: We can only be free once they are stripped of their power, expelled — or eliminated.

That's the story the imperial Russian secret service spun in the infamous forgery, "The Prococols of the Elders of Zion," later a staple of Nazi propaganda soon to spread throughout the Arab and Muslim worlds.

Today, they have new life — in the Democratic Party.

Democrats — most of them, anyway — are smart enough not to name "Jews" as the bad guys, so they pick on "AIPAC" instead.

Anti-AIPAC ranters like Abdul El-Sayed in Michigan or Darializa Avila Chevalier in New York primaries don't even have to explain why it's the enemy: Their voters already "know" AIPAC controls Congress, supports "genocide" in Gaza and dragged America into war against Iran.

Reality check: While large and influential, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, unlike many lobbying groups on DC's K Street, is a genuine grassroots outfit. Its members are thousands of Americans who support Israel, including many Jews — but also evangelical Christians and others.

Its activists gather each year in Washington — openly, not in secret — to ask members of Congress to support aid for Israel. Only after a lefty rival, J Street, began backing candidates did AIPAC start a political action committee to give to campaigns.

It's hardly all-powerful: It couldn't stop President Ronald Reagan from selling surveillance planes to the Saudis, nor block President Barack Obama's Iran nuclear deal.

The drive to make it "the enemy" began 20 years ago, with false claims that the "Israel lobby" had provoked the Iraq War. That resonated with left-wing Democrats, already growing increasingly anti-Israel.

Now AIPAC is outright demonized — even by "progressive" Jews desperate to survive in the Democratic Party. We know where this goes, and it's nowhere good.

Why 'Mamdani Marts' Are So Far Off

Of all the sketchy things about Mayor Mamdani's government grocery stores, the one that should stand out is how far off in the future they are.

City Hall doesn't even pretend that the first one, in Hunts Point, will open before late 2027 — and anyone familiar with government projects knows all too well that they always take far longer than initial estimates. The second, at East Harlem's La Marqueta, is advertised as starting in 2029.

Yet the mayor keeps talking about them — this week, he made a big deal of how they'll cut prices 30% on a basket of basic goods.

The city's also talking about "keeping track" of who's shopping at the Mamdani Marts, to avoid folks turning around and reselling the goods for their personal profit, etc., and maybe to keep out-of-towners from benefiting. Does that mean you'll need to show ID? Or will they have surveillance cameras?

Either way, it's pretty Big Brotherly.

But, again, we won't see those warts anytime soon , as it's all still just a happy dream.

Opening a store isn't *that* hard; the private sector doesn't take two or three years to do it. So why is Team Mamdani taking so long?

Maybe because that way they won't have a chance to fail before his 2029 re-election run is already over.

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Dr. Fauci Pleads the Fifth: Is He a Villain or Victim?

THE ISSUE: Dr. Anthony Fauci pleads the Fifth Amendment 111 times at a hearing on COVID.

- The smug Dr. Anthony Fauci invoked his Fifth Amendment rights a shocking 111 times when called to testify before Congress about COVID, even with his laughable pardon in effect ("Dr. Fauci's silent treatment," July 30).

It is obvious that he is more concerned with his reputation than the truth. Sen. Rand Paul is right: He belongs behind bars.

Bo Madden, Jupiter, Fla.

- Who gets a pardon backdated for 12 years and isn't worried about public outrage? I guess Democrats thought they would be in the White House forever. It seems they ignore the value of public trust.

I understand how embarrassing this is for Fauci, but why write your personal comments on a government server and not think it would ever be released? I hope they do proceed with contempt charges.

Greg Raleigh
Washington, DC

- This hearing, reminiscent of the McCarthy era, was no more than a continuation of Sen. Rand Paul's campaign against Fauci. Taking the Fifth was the smart thing to do because one way or another, Paul is going to continue his vendetta.

Lou Maione, Manhattan

- Fauci's choice to plead the Fifth 111 times was reprehensible but predictable. His silence gave credence to the overall fraudulent and devious tactics he imposed on the American people during the pandemic.

Children being deprived of an educational setting made worse by mandatory mask-wearing and people being fired for noncompliance with the vaccine mandate are just some of the harms inflicted upon Americans.

Anthony Fauci

Fauci's legacy will be of a vile mad scientist who was consumed with self-adulation and profited off of to the detriment of millions.

Denis David
East Rockaway

- Republicans and right-wing media outlets are denouncing Fauci for taking the Fifth over 100 times before a Senate investigative panel.

Yet these same people were silent when President Trump took the Fifth Amendment more than 440 times in 2022 during the New York attorney general's investigation into his business practices.

Dennis Middlebrooks
Brooklyn

- If you looked up the words "arrogant" or "egotistic," you would see a picture of Anthony Fauci.

There is a place in hell for a man who caused so much damage and pain and — when asked to apologize and take responsibility for his actions — cowardly hides behind the Fifth Amendment. Just watching him smugly sit in front of Congress made me physically sick.

Jean Cole
Juno Beach, Fla.

- The sheer arrogance of Fauci at the Senate hearing would be enough to make you despise him. But those blank, dead eyes added to his zombie-like demeanor. Over a million Americans died from COVID on his watch, and he acts as if they're just another entry in his diary. May history record that this doctor failed his oath to "do no harm."

Rob Feuerstein
Staten Island

- COVID was not created or first discovered in the United States, but many Americans succumbed to it. Fauci is not to blame for its national and international effects on our country and the world.

Wayne Williams
Camden, NJ

- So Fauci pleaded the Fifth Amendment over 100 times during his Senate testimony.

He still comfortably collects his very large federal pension while sitting on a pile of research funds that he gained by cozying up to Big Pharma during the pandemic.

Police officers and other civil servants lose their pensions for far less severe indiscretions.

Bill Riegel
Suffolk County

- Anthony Fauci, the once-esteemed coronavirus czar, stoically invoked his Fifth Amendment rights a staggering 111 times before the Senate Homeland Security Committee investigating the notorious gain-of-function experiments that may have created the COVID virus.

Isn't it about time this lauded and puffed up "Mr. Science" figure gains the well-deserved "Dr. Frank-en-Fauci" moniker?

James Hyland
Beechhurst

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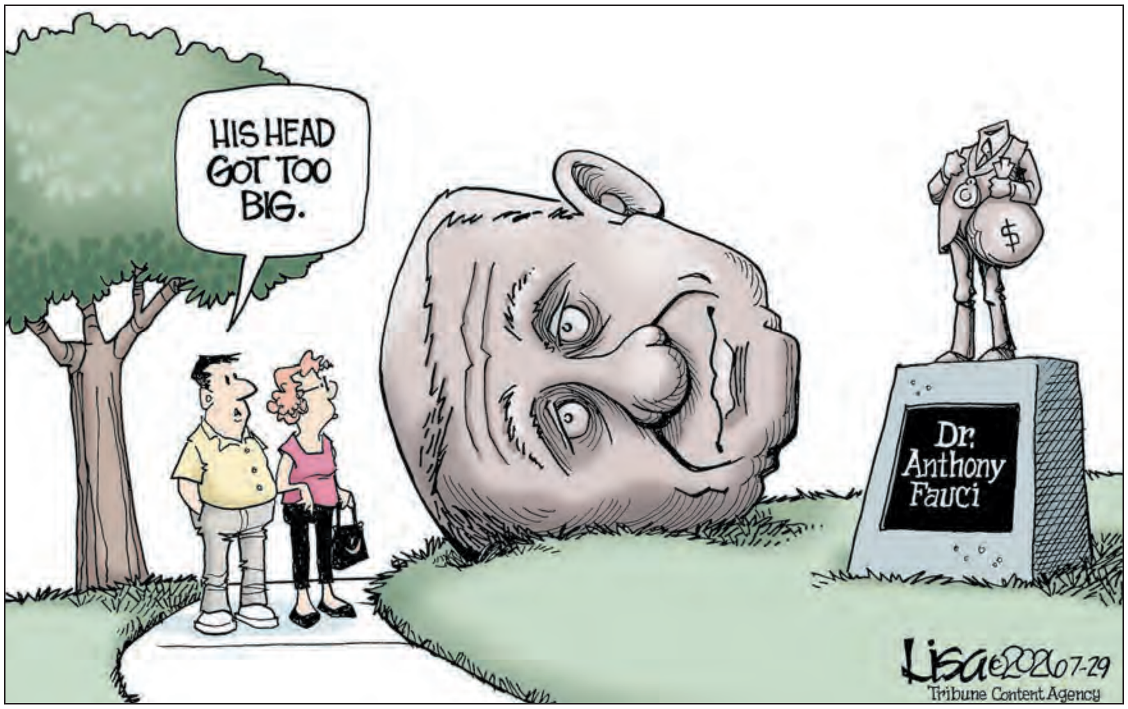

A DEM-MADE MONSTER

VICTOR DAVIS HANSON

VOTERS' "affordability" fears are supposedly fueling the Democratic Party's new, strident socialism. Yet annual inflation during former President Joe Biden's four years peaked at over 9%, while prices for some key staples rose by 30% over his tenure — all to silence from the left.

The socialists were themselves responsible for this rampant inflation. They had implemented an inflationary de facto third Obama term, ramming through the most radical and costly agenda in decades under the veneer of Biden's cognitively challenged waxen effigy.

So the current Jacobin takeover of the Democratic Party was not sparked by concerns about "affordability" — at least not if "affordability" means the middle-class struggle to buy a house, a car or groceries. This socialist moment is merely the logical culmination of years of boutique radicalism within the Democratic aristocracy.

Almost every weaponized scam and national hysteria in the last two decades was amplified and spread by mainstream Democrats, from the farcical claim that the Wuhan-lab-hatched COVID virus came from pangolins or bats to the mythology of a 1619 national founding and more.

Who allowed over 10 million border-jumpers into the country — illegal, unvetted and dependent on the welfare state? Who gave us multiple genders and biological males showering with teenage girls or female prisoners?

The Democratic establishment's unhinged hatred of Donald Trump helped birth the socialist-cum-communist Frankensteinian monster that's now devouring its mad-scientist creators.

"By any means necessary" was a Democratic mantra over a decade ago. By 2016, the Democratic leadership and the Clinton campaign were hatching the Steele-dossier farce to warp an election. In 2020, the Democratic deep state fabricated the claim that the Hunter Biden laptop was Russian disinformation, a hoax that, this time around, likely did alter an election. Then came four unhinged years of anti-Trump lawfare.

Those perversions of the legal system were accompanied by a host of mainstream Democrats, politicos and athletes shouting that Trump was a Nazi, a fascist, a traitor or a Putin asset.

Three would-be assassins got close to killing Trump — near-death encounters that elicited unapologetic applause for the attempts. Murderers themselves were normalized as leftist icons, as seen in the canonization of Luigi Mangione.

Yet did the establishment Democratic apparat calm these waters? Or did it set them boiling?

It was Chuck Schumer who threatened conservative Supreme Court justices, sounding more like a pink-haired anti-ICE street protester than a US senator. No surprise that two years later a left-wing would-be assassin turned up at Kavanaugh's home.

Maxine Waters urged the public to bird-dog Trump administration officials and harass them whenever they were seen in public. Then there was soon-to-be Vice President Kamala Harris egging on the violent George Floyd demonstrations: "This is a movement, I'm telling you . . . they're not going to let up, and they should not."

So today's young socialists and communists did not really hijack the party: They were spawned and nurtured by aged Democrats. They became irate over their impotence and loss of influence — and simply upgraded the methods and message of their elders.

They did not storm the party parapets, but were invited in by a party that had already radicalized itself — amid its hatred of Trump and its growing estrangement from the majority of the American people.

The only change is that the electrified socialist monsters have awakened. They have mocked their stagnant creators, reenergized the old messages, and now simply seek to replace the messengers.

The new socialists think, hardcore leftists no longer have to hide their agendas for fear of losing elections. In their folly, they attributed Harris' 2024 implosion not to her clumsy efforts to disown and disguise her radical past (including the most left-wing voting record in the Senate), but to her not being left-wing enough. In other words, they're convinced a milquetoast socialist lost in 2024 not because she was too radical for America, but because she was not socialist — or indeed, communist — *enough.*

So the crazed new socialists are brazenly broadcasting the old agendas: open borders, mass amnesties, defunding the police, ending fossil fuels, seeking to destroy the Senate and Supreme Court, scapegoating whites and white "privilege" — and adding a new element, anti-Zionism and indeed antisemitism. America will soon see how this insanity works out.

Teacher-Union Push For Pro-DEI School AI

BETSY McCAUGHEY

IT'S time to go to war to stop teachers' unions from brainwashing our kids. Here's the latest red flag: The American Federation of Teachers, the National Education Association and other teachers' unions are trying to take control of the artificial intelligence programs used in America's classrooms — and twist them for political ends.

The unions are collaborating with giant AI providers like Microsoft and Anthropic, who are footing the bill for programs to train teachers on AI. Sounds like a win-win: New resources for students, and a new generation of customers for the AI industry. But the dirty secret is that the unions want to alter the answers AI produces, so students see content that's not factually accurate, but politically correct. That's what education watchdog group Defending Education found in a new report.

The AFT, for example, is targeting 10% of its teacher members with a $12.5 million training program that pushes them to embed DEI ideology in their schools' AI programs. Why? To overcome the "algorithmic biases" supposedly built into those programs by their designers, who are mostly white and Asian males.

Similarly, Defending Education found that NEA mandates tell local school boards to integrate DEI into their AI programs. The unions call these changes to classroom AI "guardrails." In truth, teachers' unions want to block students from seeing undoctored facts.

Their objective is to indoctrinate, not educate. That misguided mission is largely to blame for the past decade of drastic learning loss in K-12 schools: Too much indoctrination, too little emphasis on the basics of math and reading.

"This is not a federal fight: It must be waged state by state."

It's a bad omen for our country. Parents and the public need to respond to this threat immediately.

Corrupting educational AI fits a dangerous pattern of union-sponsored indoctrination in K-12. A few months ago, the NEA launched its May Day 2026 Toolkit for teachers, calling for a day of "no work, no school, no shopping."

That's a holiday commemorated in communist countries. It has no place in American classrooms.

President Trump and congressional Republicans are trying to halt federal funding for schools that promote gender indoctrination, left-wing brainwashing and DEI. Trump issued an executive order to that effect, and the House has passed the "Stopping Indoctrination and Protecting Kids Act," with a matching bill now moving through the Senate.

But this is not a federal fight: It must be waged state by state, school district by school district. It will be toughest in the 12 states where teachers' unions hold the tightest grip on state government — including California, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, per the Fordham Institute.

Democrats control the governor's office and both legislative houses in nearly all these states. And while unions' right to organize is protected by the First Amendment, lawmakers in red or purple states can trim union power by limiting what is bargained collectively.

For example, Wisconsin under former Gov. Scott Walker took teacher promotions, performance evaluations and curriculum decisions off the unions' bargaining table. That's a blueprint, and candidates are taking note.

In Ohio, Republican Vivek Ramaswamy has used his race for governor to float the idea of "eliminating" the collective bargaining powers of teachers' unions to halt classroom wokeness.

Lawmakers should also ensure maximum competition by eliminating caps on charter schools, something union sycophant Gov. Hochul refuses to do in New York — and that Bruce Blakeman, her Republican rival, pledges to accomplish.

But the most promising battle strategy in deep blue states is local. It starts with dispelling the myth that school-board elections are nonpartisan contests over what's best for our kids.

Truth is, they are power struggles dominated by the unions, which put up candidates without identifying them as union toadies. Those candidates win 70% of the time in a typical state — 90% in New York.

School boards hold the most sway over school curricula. So Republicans and reformers should make a point of intruding on these quiet, usually off-year local elections, to expose the union shills for who they are and to back real change — as Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has done, with success.

Diminishing union power over our children's education is no small feat — but if we care about the future of our nation and our own kids, we have no choice but to fight.

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A_1 A_1 E_1 I_1 V_4 R_1 C_3 2nd Letter Double — RACK 1

A_1 E_1 O_1 W_4 K_5 R_1 G_2 — RACK 2

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N-S vulnerable

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♡ J 9 6 2
◇ Q J 10
♣ 7 3

WEST
♠ J 10 9
♡ A 8 7 3
◇ 8 5
♣ K Q 9 4

EAST
♠ A
♡ Q 10 5 4
◇ 9 7 4 2
♣ 8 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 8 7 6 4
♡ K
◇ A K 6 3
♣ A J 10

West	North	East	South
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Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All Pass			

Opening lead – ♣ K

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This week's deals have treated the "discovery play": a proactive effort to place the cards in one suit by attacking another.

To test yourself, cover today's East-West cards. Against your four spades, West leads the king of clubs, and you take the ace. You have a club and a heart to lose, so you must lose only one trump trick. How do you proceed? (Recall the auction.)

If the missing trumps break 2-2, you are safe; if a defender has A-J-10 or A-J-9, you are fated to go down. But if a defender has the singleton ace, you need to lead the first trump through him. Who has the ace?

A discovery play may help: Lead your king of hearts. When West takes the ace, you know East has the ace of trumps: If West had the K-Q of clubs and two aces, he would have opened the bidding. Ruff West's heart return, lead a diamond to dummy and return a trump.

If East had the ace of hearts, you would have to guess how to proceed in trumps; but to dig for information costs nothing.

Word Force

DAYBREAK

From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 12** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST
Yesterday's word:
MACARONI

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Wonderword

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I'M GOOD AT SPENDING MONEY — **Solution: 8 letters**

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Quick Crossword

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7 *Area in Westminster Abbey where Chaucer is buried
12 Quaint term for "patella"
13 Supporting Mideast unity
15 Björk's country
16 Ferrera of "Ugly Betty"
17 Winnow
18 Simple shelters
20 Rat (on)
21 "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" novelist
23 Period
24 Albanian currency
25 "Tubular!"
27 Fire (up)
29 Texter's "Just a sec"
30 Atlanta-based health agcy.
33 String of dried chile peppers
35 Reign
37 Not far off, or where to look to make this puzzle's starred clues match their answers?
40 Jazz singer Sylvia
41 One on parental leave, perhaps
42 "A Boy Named __": Johnny Cash hit
43 Navy noncom
44 Simple shirt
45 Pained cry
47 Kung __ chicken
48 Trippy drug
50 Molten rock
54 Luxury hotel chain
56 Label again
58 Word
59 Wedding crasher's destination, perhaps
61 Pen pal's signoff
63 "House __": longtime HGTV series
64 "Airplane!" star Leslie
65 *Place to find a date?
66 *Stop sign locale

Down
1 At just the right moment
2 Senses
3 Hall of Fame pitcher Bob who won the World Series in 1948 with Cleveland
4 Bitter brew, briefly
5 Jargon
6 Over and done
7 Tennis player Shriver and actress Grier
8 Low digit
9 Merit
10 Dress rehearsals
11 French cry of surprise
12 *Scoring opportunity in soccer
13 Spoke rapidly
14 *Defensive player who's often the fastest on the football field
19 The Pacific __
22 Knitter's ball
26 Neglected to
28 Holiday, casually
29 Cool remark
30 __ in Charlie
31 College with an alcohol ban
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39 Leslie __ Jr. of "Hamilton"
46 Turkey appendage
47 *Eeyore's home
49 New beginnings
51 Gaggle birds
52 Mascot Hall of Fame inductee from Queens
53 *Challenging stretch at Augusta National
55 A fan of
56 Uncommon
57 Spunk
60 "Severance" director Stiller
62 Suffix with front or cash

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Markets soar

Stocks rallied as Microsoft's robust earnings report restored momentum to the artificial-intelligence boom. The Dow and Nasdaq each rose more than 600 points, rebounding from Wednesday's plunge. Oil prices settled 1% lower.

Stellar Apple

Apple reported record June-quarter sales of $109 billion, powered by strong consumer demand for last year's iPhone lineup. But growth in its lucrative services business missed estimates.

Cloud booms

Amazon shares rose 7% after hours as the company reported higher-than-expected revenue from Amazon Web Services, continuing a streak of growth for its cloud-computing business.

Subpar debut

Jersey Mike's Subs shares slumped 6% on their first day of trading after the chain's IPO priced at $23 a share. The sandwich chain is valued at about $7 billion.

Cup letdown

Adidas reported record second-quarter sales of nearly $8 billion but said its earnings were squeezed by heavy marketing spending on the World Cup. Shares plunged more than 11%.

Sources: Reuters, Dow Jones, AP

STEADY RATE PACE

Lower inflation needed for Fed decrease in Sept.

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

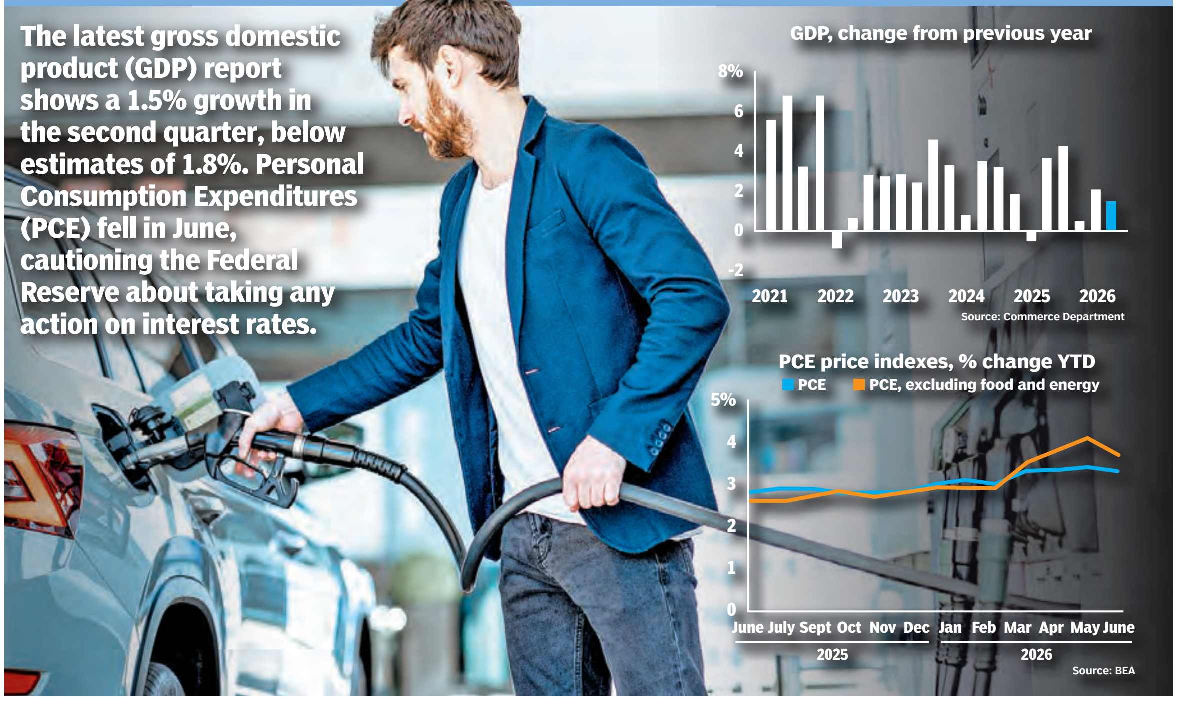
A key inflation gauge fell for the first time in six years while the economy grew at a weaker pace than expected, which would give the Fed more room to keep interest rates on hold — but the new stats could be just a temporary blip in the data.

The Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) price index rose 3.7% in June over that of a year ago — falling below the 4.1% level from the previous month, the Bureau of Economic Analysis said Thursday.

Core PCE — the Fed's preferred inflation gauge, which excludes volatile food and energy prices — increased 3.3% on an annualized basis, up 0.1% from the previous month.

But the data is largely backward-looking, since much of the decline is due to a 9% drop in energy and gasoline prices in June after the US and Iran signed a temporary cease-fire agreement.

Don't bank on it


The latest gross domestic product (GDP) report shows a 1.5% growth in the second quarter, below estimates of 1.8%. Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) fell in June, cautioning the Federal Reserve about taking any action on interest rates.

Adobe Stock

War escalation

That deal has since fallen apart, with the US on Thursday announcing the launch of "a heavy wave of strikes" against Iran in response to surprise attacks on US forces in Jordan, which were successfully intercepted. Tehran has threatened further escalation.

National average gasoline prices have shot back above $4 a gallon, according to the AAA, and reports of attacks in the Red Sea are threatening to compromise a second critical maritime trade route in the Middle East — potentially worsening global energy-supply disruptions.

Nic Puckrin, a markets expert and former Goldman Sachs analyst, said the PCE report won't be enough to sway the Fed — especially after Chair Kevin Warsh delivered a "hawkish hold" Wednesday, keeping interest rates steady while emphasizing the need to lower inflation.

"It will take a sustained move lower to convince policymakers that inflation is under control, and that could be hard to achieve if tensions in the Middle East keep oil prices elevated," Puckrin wrote in a Thursday note.

"As such, a September hike remains fully on the table for now. For borrowers, that means credit-card debt and loans will remain expensive for the time being," Puckrin warned.

A GDP report released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis Thursday showed the US economy grew at an annualized 1.5% pace in the second quarter — below estimates of 1.8% growth.

Fed officials have been locked in a debate over the risks of raising interest rates too soon, which could potentially stunt economic growth, and waiting too long to hike rates, allowing inflation to run rampant — and a weaker GDP reading could give central bankers more reason to pause.

But the data was significantly distorted by temporary shocks, including the war in Iran, higher oil prices and President Trump's tariffs — and there were several underlying signs of strength in the economy.

Consumer spending rose at a robust 3.2% annual rate in the second quarter — much faster than a dismal 0.5% pace in the first quarter, according to Thursday's data.

In June, consumers increased their spending by 0.4% from the previous month when adjusted for inflation.

Business investment kept up a rapid pace — rising 15% in the second quarter — as tech giants shelled out billions of dollars on pricey memory chips and massive data-center build-outs.

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Unfit to be pied, he's suing Comcast

A former Comcast worker is suing the company after a store manager allegedly humiliated salespeople by ordering them to tie up the lowest-ranked employee to a chair and smash a cream pie into their face every month, according to a lawsuit.

David Figueroa, who is seeking more than $15,000, alleged the bizarre "assaults" were the creation of store manager Sally Fuentes Peterson. She wanted to "bully" workers into hitting their sales goals and receiving positive customer surveys, according to the suit filed this month in Connecticut state court.

At Comcast's Plainville, Conn., store, Peterson repeatedly ordered the highest-ranking sales person of the month to tie the lowest-ranked consultant to a chair in the "back office" and then "assault that person by violently smashing a cream pie in their face," the complaint said.

Comcast has denied the allegations in the lawsuit.

Figueroa, who quit his job at the store, is suing Comcast for constructive discharge and negligence — alleging the store policy violates state worker protections and that he was not informed of it before he was hired in February, according to the suit. *Taylor Herzlich*

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Trying to tame the curve

Fed's balancing act

On the
money
CHARLES GASPARINO

Kevin Warsh's second Fed meeting ended like his first one: No raising of the short-term interest rates — and corporate America worried about the consequences, On The Money has learned.

It's not necessarily inflation per se that has CEOs worried, though that's a concern. According to C-suite executives interviewed by On The Money, the major worry is about the slope of the so-called yield curve, which prices interest rates on short-term bonds to those on the 30-year treasury.

Keeping the fed funds rate at its current level — a target of 3.50% to 3.75% — will impact short-term rates, of course, but it does nothing to lower those longer-term interest rates that matter the most in the economy. In fact, it might steepen the yield curve more and choke off the No. 1 driver of the economy, the artificial intelligence buildout.

That's exactly what happened after Warsh's stand-pat announcement. Yes, stocks sold off because he reiterated his fealty to the 2% inflation target, which seems hawkish. Bond traders are often more sophisticated in their analysis taking a longer-term view of policy, and they were unimpressed, maybe a little worried. Yields on the 10-year and 30-year bond spiked.

Here's something that most people even on Wall Street stock-trading desks don't appreciate: The Fed funds rate doesn't matter that much since it doesn't directly impact most borrowing costs. It's the so-called long end of curve — yields on the 10-year and 30-year bonds — where most CEOs, CFOs and other top corporate executives focus.

Long end rising

These are the interest rates that determine not only how much corporate bosses will pay to borrow in the market to expand their business, but also the price of most consumer loans, including credit cards and mortgages.

And those interest rates have been rising (the 30-year is over 5% and the 10-year is heading that high). Some of it is related to inflation like higher oil prices amid the Iran conflict. But largely their spike, I am told, can be attributed to the AI build — hundreds of billions of dollars in bonds sold across corporate America that is pressuring rates on the long end.

It's hard to put a cap on the AI buildout, so dealing with inflation is something corporate executives want to see out of the Warsh Fed. And this is where the fed funds rate is important. A modestly higher uptick by Warsh will really show he's an inflation hawk, and it could help suppress the long-end of the curve, they tell me.

Because of the AI buildout, "the demand for capital is insane and it's lifting long rates higher," said one CEO of a sizable financial-services firm.

So why didn't Warsh do what seems logical? The best guess from these C-suiters is that he doesn't want to get into a pissing match with **President Trump**, at least until he gets settled at the Federal Reserve.

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BITTER BETTOR MOGUL 'SEX' GOSSIP

By MARC VARTABEDIAN

The bitter feud between the bosses of Polymarket and Kalshi has been even more vicious and petty than previously known — from battling over the affections of Donald Trump Jr. to the spreading of unsubstantiated, sex-drenched gossip, The Post has learned.

Shayne Coplan, the 28-year-old shaggy-haired CEO of prediction-market giant Polymarket, is recognized as the world's youngest self-made billionaire with a net worth of $1 billion. Still, sources say Coplan has been consumed by an epic grudge match with Tarek Mansour, the 30-year-old bespectacled CEO of arch-rival Kalshi.

Mansour — whose app, like Polymarket's, allows users to bet on sports, the weather, the Oscars and celebrity breakups, among other propositions — has a fortune currently pegged at $2.6 billion.

Coplan has chafed over the fact that Kalshi — which he has branded a "copycat Polymarket" — has become bigger than Polymarket, sources said. Kalshi also reportedly tipped off the feds ahead of a November 2024 FBI raid of Coplan's apartment in search of evidence that Polymarket was facilitating illegal gambling.

Coplan — who was never arrested or charged following the seizure of his electronic devices — has referred to Kalshi as "ratty," according to sources.

But it's with Mansour that Coplan's animus has become decidedly personal. According to one insider, Coplan's preferred nickname for Mansour around Polymarket's New York City offices is "Little Tarek" — a reference to Mansour's height, the source added.

Coplan also has repeatedly circulated an unconfirmed rumor about Mansour and his co-founder and No. 2 exec, Luana Lopes Lara — namely, that the pair used to date and that the relationship allegedly ended with Lopes Lara cheating on Mansour.

Kalshi spokeswoman Elisabeth Diana said Lopes Lara has never cheated on anyone, adding "Shayne should really focus on growing his company instead of spreading lies. WTF."

Kalshi's co-founders — who together have been the public face of the company, frequently appearing side-by-side for interviews at events and on podcasts — have never publicly indicated they were ever romantically linked.

Nevertheless, insiders told The Post that when they were both students at MIT, it was understood in some circles they were dating.

According to insiders, Coplan — who declared in a "60 Minutes" interview last November that Polymarket is "the most accurate thing we have as mankind right now" — has taken the rumor to another level.

Specifically, sources said Coplan has gone on to claim at parties and in office meetings alike that the relationship ended when Lopes Lara — a Brazilian-born math prodigy who did a stint as a professional ballerina before becoming the world's youngest female billionaire last year — "cucked" Mansour.

'Cuckolded' boss a 'loser'

The alleged cuckolding led to the couple's breakup, Coplan has claimed in conversations with work colleagues, according to multiple sources close to the company. Coplan also would chuckle as he told the rumor, calling Mansour a "loser" for continuing to run a company alongside a woman who had allegedly cheated on him romantically, according to sources.

"Shayne would say that just to cut [Mansour] down in front of people," one of the sources said. "He told it to me several times in his office to the point of it getting repetitive — it's like your dad or grandad who'd tell you the same story like 50 times.

"I'd have to be like, 'Yeah, I've heard that one already.' "

A Polymarket spokesman denied Coplan has spread rumors about Kalshi's co-founders. The rep added that Kalshi has stoked tensions between the two companies for years that has ultimately led to allegations like this surfacing.

"They have spent so much time and resources pushing hit pieces on Shayne and Polymarket to the detriment of both companies and the industry at large. We have never pushed this type of sensitive personal information, and we are deeply sorry that this is now being reported on," the spokesman said. "This is an unfortunate consequence of them paying so many opposition firms to dig for dirt on us — but you reap what you sow."

Mansour and Lopes Lara met while studying computer science at MIT before graduating together in 2018 and founding Kalshi that year. In 2019, they were accepted into Y Combina-

billionaires spreading 'vicious rumors'

Totally at odds

Kalshi
Polymarket

Self-made 28-year-old billionaire Polymarket founder Shayne Coplan (left) reportedly spread mocking rumors that Tarek Mansour (bottom right) of "copycat" site Kalshi was cuckolded by Kalshi co-founder Luana Lopes Lara (top right). Coplan also reportedly has mocked Mansour's height.

> **Coplan screamed so loud that nearly the entire floor was startled.**
>
> *— Polymarket employee*

Reuters, Zuffa LLC, Sportsfile via Getty Images

tor, just as Sam Altman was stepping down as president of the influential startup accelerator to focus full-time on OpenAI.

It couldn't be determined how long or whether their relationship lasted after finishing college. In May of this year, Lopes Lara said in a post on X that she "married the love of my life today."

Alongside the sick jokes and the insults, sources said Coplan has also been susceptible to fits of anger at the office — particularly upon hearing news of Kalshi's success. In one instance early last year, insiders said Coplan allegedly became wildly irate when news broke that Trump Jr. had joined Kalshi as a strategic adviser.

"Coplan screamed so loud that nearly the entire floor was startled," said an employee who was there at the time.

Trump Jr. ended up also joining Polymarket as an adviser in August of that year. The appointment coincided with a strategic investment in the company for an undisclosed amount by 1789 Capital, the investment firm where Trump Jr. is a partner.

'Control' freak

Despite his fresh-faced, smooth-talking public persona, multiple sources claim Coplan — an NYU dropout who founded Polymarket out of a cramped apartment on Manhattan's Lower East Side — isn't a "chill" boss, but instead a manager bent on control.

According to a source with knowledge of the situation, Coplan for a time had set up his office in Polymarket's office kitchen — with employees guessing that he was looking to grill them about what they were working on as they were getting coffee.

Insiders also claim Coplan has a habit of screaming and berating employees about perceived mistakes, new markets he thinks Polymarket should be offering but isn't, and bad press. The latter included an exclusive story in The Post last month that detailed concerns inside Polymarket that Kalshi might be spying on its operations — an article that Coplan felt "made them all look nuts," according to a source.

To cool off and clear his head, Coplan takes walks outside Polymarket's offices in New York City's trendy Soho neighborhood. But on multiple occasions over the past two years, an already stressed-out Coplan spotted Mansour strolling down Broadway, where Kalshi's offices are less than two blocks away from Polymarket's.

Following the chance sightings of Mansour — the two never stopped to speak — Coplan returned to the office visibly irritated, according to sources.

"He came back and shouted down the hall for someone to get over to him immediately," one source said, adding that at times Coplan has pulled his own hair during fits of rage.

A Polymarket spokesman disputed the account, calling it a "twisted, misrepresented story from three years ago, just to stir things up."

Mansour — who has cultivated a scrupulous, by-the-book persona as he touts Kalshi's regulatory compliance — has also been known to get petty and underhanded when it comes to Polymarket.

In January, Mansour shared a New York Times article about prediction markets. The Times headline read: "Betting on Prediction Markets Is Their Job. They Make Millions." But Mansour appeared to scrub the text that came after: "Welcome to the era of the Polymarket sharp."

In November 2024, shortly after the FBI raid on Coplan's Soho loft, tech blog Pirate Wires posted screenshots that showed Kalshi employees asking former NFL wide receiver Antonio Brown to quote-tweet a post about Coplan with the comment, "this [n-word] seem[s] guilty." Brown, at the time a paid influencer for Kalshi, posted the message shortly thereafter.

Tom Schmidt, a venture capitalist at the firm Dragonfly that has invested in Polymarket, said in an interview with The Post in May that Coplan was furious about the text messages and told him at the time: "These guys are so f--king shady and ratty," referring to Kalshi.

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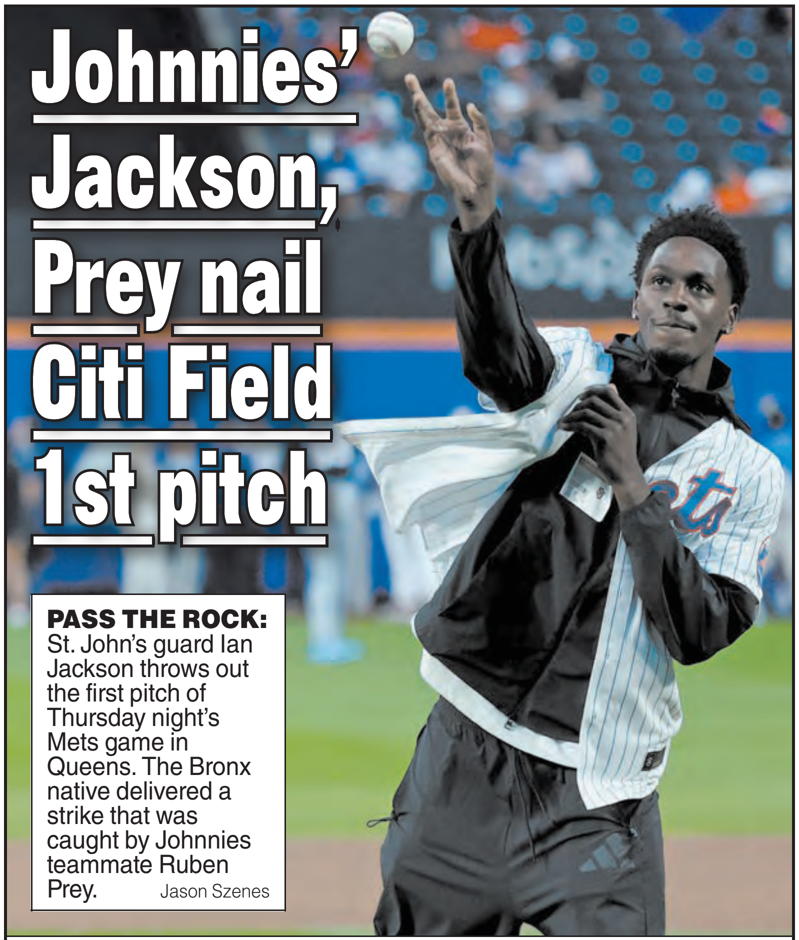

PASS THE ROCK: St. John's guard Ian Jackson throws out the first pitch of Thursday night's Mets game in Queens. The Bronx native delivered a strike that was caught by Johnnies teammate Ruben Prey. Jason Szenes

By ZACH BRAZILLER

Ian Jackson couldn't remember the last time he picked up a baseball.

Ruben Prey had never worn a glove before.

But neither St. John's player was interested in creating a viral moment and pulling a 50 Cent. Not only did they avoid that, but they combined for an impressive ceremonial first pitch ahead of the Mets-Marlins game Thursday night.

Jackson threw a strike, and Prey caught it.

"I didn't want to be embarrassed, man. I want to be good at everything I do," the beaming Jackson, wearing a No. 11 Mets jersey, said afterward. "I heard 50 Cent wasn't the best. I wasn't going to do that. It was fun. I have adrenaline built up right now."

Jackson, a Bronx native and admitted Yankees fan, is the third St. John's player to throw out a first pitch before a Mets game, following Zuby Ejiofor and Dylan Darling. He probably threw the best one. Because of a rain delay, the two were able to get in a few warm-up throws, which helped.

When he was approached about the idea, the 6-foot-11 Prey thought to himself: "Awesome. ... It's going to be a fun experience."

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LIV Golf plans to file for bankruptcy, restructure

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LIV Golf reportedly is planning to file for bankruptcy in the coming weeks to restructure contracts and its debt burden.

The report from Flushing It Golf is another detail amid the clouded future of the rebel golf league, which The Post's Mark Cannizzaro reported Wednesday was on the verge of landing more than $250 million in investment.

LIV Golf players who had outstanding contract payments — multiyear or rolling — have been approached with equity offers in the new version of the league, whatever that may look like, per Flushing It Golf.

"These offers vary significantly depending on their stature and the value of their existing contract. Sources indicate the total value of equity offered would potentially make the players the majority owners of LIV Golf 2.0 if funding is secured," Flushing It Golf reported.

Indication of Interest documents have also been handed out for players to sign, though reaction to them has been mixed with some ready to stick it out and others either not having signed or returned them.

One of the biggest factors will be Jon Rahm, according to the report, which indicated that he is still owed "nine figures for his deal signed ahead of the 2024 season that still has multiple years left."

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Lock of the Day
First Call Bob (4th)
Lock Record: 8 for 15 (53%)
Meet Record: 37/159 $247.76

1 5 1/2 fur(T); $115,000; mdn; 2YO

Two-year-olds on the turf (maybe) in the opener. Many making career debuts. Our grade. **THE DEVIL IN ME** (Maker/Johnny V/Nashville), **WITHOUT HESITATION** (Ward/J Ortiz/Jackies Warrior), **WOOD ISLAND** (Weaver/Irad/Jackies Warrior) and **JACKPOT JACKIE** (Pletcher/Prat/Jackies Warrior). **RIVER OF DECEIT** debuted 2nd, a length short this distance on the Big A lawn.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Wood Island,123	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	Weaver	7-2
2	Without Hesitation,120	J Ortiz	x-x-x	Ward	9-5
3	Jackpot Jackie,123	F Prat	x-x-x	Pletcher	6-1
4	River of Deceit,123	J Alvarado	2-x-x	Morley	2-1
5	Mambo Jazz,123	K Cecil	x-x-x	Gutierrez	50-1
6	Zodiac Warrior,123	C Elliott	9-4-x	Ryerson	12-1
7	The Devil in Me,123	J Velazquez	x-x-x	Maker	8-1

2 5 1/2 fur; $50,000; mdn clm($35,000); 2YO(f)

More 2YOs. First time fillies. Our order of finish **RISKY MISSION** (Rice/Franco/Mission Impazible), **BELTANDSUSPENDERS** (Green/Irad/Mind Control), **SOLO BELLE** (Green/Rodriguez/Solomini) and **YOU ARE MY SUZIE Q** (Rudy/Saez/Solomini).

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	You Are My Suzie Q,123	L Saez	x-x-x	Rodriguez	6-1
2	Saysomethingnice,123	S Bridgmohan	6-x-x	Giddings	6-1
3	Cream Puff,123	K Davis	x-x-x	B Brown	10-1
4	Miss Money Pants,123	E Zayas	9-7-2	Rodriguez	10-1
5	Solo Belle,123	J Rodriguez	x-x-x	Green	6-1
6	Beltandsuspenders,123	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	Green	3-1
7	X Ten Doe,123	C Elliott	5-6-x	Sells	20-1
8	Risky Mission,123	M Franco	x-x-x	Rice	4-1
9	You Can Bank On Me,123	D Davis	x-x-x	Handal	5-1

3 6 fur; $65,000; alw; 4up(f)

Note that **PROUD FOOT** is 2 for 19 racing 6 furlongs but lost by thismuch last out. Winner 2 back at 7/8. Claimed by Kantarmaci. Franco stays on, so do we. **SHEER WILL** is now 3 for 6 at the distance after winning at the Big A. Trained by Rice who also saddles **MURSAL**. She beat Proud Foot in the photo finish. Repeat in cards.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Edistrudis(L),123	E Zayas	5-6-2	Kantarmaci	12-1
2	Mursal(L),123	D Davis	1-3-1	Rice	3-1
3	Confirmed Star(L),123	E Ruiz	9-5-4	Moore	12-1
4	Proud Foot(L),123	M Franco	2-1-2	Kantarmaci	7-2
5	Sheer Will(L),123	F Prat	1-3-2	Rice	2-1
6	Always Angels(L),121	T Gaffalione	5-5-2	Potts	6-1
7	Sweet Note(L),123	J Ortiz	3-6-1	LaRose	9-2

4 1 1/8 miles; $60,000; clm($45,000); 3up

Winners of one, none proven at this distance. **FIRST CALL BOB** goes turf to dirt for Chad Brown. 4th best last 2 on dirt. Responds at this reduced height. Uncle Mo 4YO may benefit extending longer as well. **IM WORTHY** exits a well beaten 6th at Oaklawn. Rice takes him lower. Proven at 1 1/16 miles. Carmouche picks up the mount. **SWAGING** moved lower and ran home a disappointing 3rd as fave. Stretches but his W was earned sprinting.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	First Call Bob(L),126	T Gaffalione	12-4-4	C Brown	4-5
2	Kaz Oil Changer(L),126	D Davis	8-5-3	Synnefias	10-1
3	Swiss Army Knife(L),121	M Franco	6-1-8	Abreu	8-1
4	I'm Worthy(L),121	K Carmouche	6-1-2	Rice	4-1
5	Who's Your Zaddy(L),121	R Santana, Jr	12-5-1	Green	6-1
6	Good Bali(L),126	O Hrndz Mreno	6-8-7	Bhigroog	30-1
7	Swaging(L),126	J Rodriguez	3-9-1	Potts	15-1
8	Noble Heritage(L),121	E Zayas	1-2-3	Delgado	10-1

5 1 mile(T); $62,000; mdn clm($55,000); 3up

One to build on. **VISIBLE** made grass debut at Aqueduct and checked in a midpack 4th after a wide trip. Gargan's gelding draws the hedge. Rider change to Carmouche. **STREAM IT** MTO. **VIVALDI** finished up the track racing off the layoff at Churchill. Ran 2nd at this distance prior to the break. Big chance, 2nd off the shelf, moving lower for Chad Brown. Gets Prat back. **URGENCY** led, lost by 3/4. Dutrow shaves a 1/16.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Visible(L),121	K Carmouche	4-5-x	Gargan	6-1
2	Streetcar(L),126	J Rodriguez	7-7-8	Green	30-1
3	Dynadee(L),121	L Saez	3-2-7	Dini	10-1
4	Urgency(L),121	J Ortiz	2-6-7	R Dutrow	6-1
5	Ghost Driver(L),121	R Santana, Jr	5-x-x	Noda	20-1
6	Cederberg(L),121	M Franco	5-8-x	C Brown	4-1
7	Authentic Legend(L),126	J Lezcano	7-2-6	Hennig	10-1
8	Dixie Hex(L),121	D Davis	4-4-7	Handal	15-1
9	Melody Man(L),126	I Ortiz, Jr	4-2-2	Sweezey	7-2
10	Vivaldi(L),126	F Prat	10-2-7	C Brown	3-1
11	Holy Dancer(L),126	E Zayas	4-5-6	Zito	20-1
12	Meanstepper(L),121	Rider TBA	7-6-2	Moquett	12-1
13	Stream It(L),121	J Ortiz	4-3-3	Rice	8-5
14	Disparate Impact(L),126	F Prat	3-5-x	C Brown	5-2

6 6 fur; $115,000; mdn; 2YO

Asmussen's **FREEDOM CHARGE** is the only 2YO with a race under him. Ran evenly for 3rd. Gets more ground to work with and a rider change to J Ortiz. **YESTAHAL** (Cox/Irad/Drain The Clock), **CUYLLE** (Keithan/K Davis/Independence Hall), **MINDFIELD** (Casse/Prat/Mind Control) and **CALLING MR MO** (Clement/Santana/Mo Donegal) make career debuts.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Freedom Charge,123	J Ortiz	3-x-x	Asmussen	9-2
2	Calling Mr. Mo,123	R Santana, Jr	x-x-x	Clement	6-1
3	Parkridge,123	J Velazquez	x-x-x	Mott	15-1
4	Cuylle,123	K Davis	x-x-x	Keithan	30-1
5	Maximilian,123	L Saez	x-x-x	Orseno	10-1
6	Yestahal,123	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	Cox	5-2
7	Mindfield,123	F Prat	x-x-x	Casse	4-1
8	Fullcup,123	J Alvarado	x-x-x	Mott	12-1
9	McMoon,123	E Zayas	x-x-x	Weaver	8-1
10	Vals Bro,123	D Davis	x-x-x	Handal	20-1
11	Ninuccio,123	J Lezcano	x-x-x	Hennig	30-1
12	J Buck,123	C Elliott	x-x-x	Barker	30-1
13	Neptuneroad Richie,123	J Castellano	x-x-x	Hills	20-1

7 1 1/8 miles; $52,000; alw; 4up

Another win for the speedy **SECURED LANDING**. He's now won 4 of his last 5. Well spotted for Rice but can the Omaha Beach gelding get the distance? **CALIBRATE** brings a modest 2 race winning streak from Lone Star. 0 for 2 at this longer distance but Irad a good sign. **HEY TOBY** broke well but stopped badly here weeks ago. Winner racing for 10k in March. Value's up; Rodriguez up. **METATRONS MUSE** has won 2 in row as well. Both by a head. Tough spot for threepeat. **COACH CRONIN** was 3rd in a 100k. The loss snapping a 3 race race winning streak. May get back to business.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Metatron's Muse(L),123	J Ortiz	1-1-5	Kantarmaci	6-1
2	Secured Landing(L),123	K Carmouche	1-9-1	Rice	4-1
3	Coach Cronin(L),123	F Prat	3-1-1	Hess	5-2
4	Sara's Shaman(L),121	S Gonzalez	3-4-6	Kantarmaci	10-1
5	Sharp Spark(L),123	M Franco	5-2-7	Kantarmaci	6-1
6	Calibrate(L),123	I Ortiz, Jr	1-1-2	Diodoro	2-1
7	Hey Toby(L),123	J Rodriguez	6-4-2	Charlerie	20-1
8	Smilensaycheese(L),121	K Davis	3-6-5	DeLauro	30-1

8 6 fur; $105,000; alw; 3up(f)

LADY ROSE was a last-to-first winner. Competitively spotted for Rice and the stretch runner gets a pace to chase. **LIGHTNING STRIKE** led, settled for 2nd money. Clement shaves a 1/16. **K GUN** is a perfect 3 for 3. All at the Big A racing 6 1/2 furlongs. Can she keep her record clean? **DANIELLA MARIE** won handily before taking a breather in February. Contender, but may need a race. **QUEENS CAT** was 3rd behind Lightning Strike. Won 5 of previous 9 on dirt.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Kaz Farm Girl(L),122	E Zayas	1-4-5	Synnefias	20-1
2	Daniella Marie(L),122	K Carmouche	1-3-3	Summers	5-1
3	Sunshine Lily(L),126	C Elliott	6-2-3	DiPrima	20-1
4	Liberty's Secret(L),122	D Davis	1-5-x	Quick	6-1
5	K Gun(L),122	R Santana, Jr	1-1-1	De Paz	7-2
6	Lady Rose(L),122	J Lezcano	1-2-1	Rice	5-1
7	Queens Cat(L),126	N Alvarado	3-6-1	Dixon	6-1
8	Lightning Strike(L),126	M Franco	2-5-1	Clement	3-1
9	Shehanah(L),126	J Alvarado	2-1-1	Englehart	15-1
10	Floy Joy(L),126	J Rodriguez	8-10-1	Donk	30-1

9 6 1/2 fur; $250,000; Amsterdam; 3YO

The feature is the Grade 2 Amsterdam. **OBLITERATION** won the Chick Lang at Laurel and was given a shot in the Grade 1 Woody Stephens. Ran well for 3rd, pulling down a career high fig in defeat. Back to business getting J Ortiz back. **SOLITUDE DUDE** was a well beaten 7th in the Woody Stephens. Winner 4 of previous 5. The loss was in the longer Fountain of Youth. Joseph gets Irad back. **WHITE SMOKE RISING** makes stakes debut off back-to-back victories. Santana rides the longshot for Baker.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	American Man,120	F Prat	2-1-2	Stewart	6-1
2	Local Knowledge,120	J Velazquez	3-1-x	Pletcher	5-1
3	Solitude Dude,122	I Ortiz, Jr	7-1-3	Joseph	4-1
4	Gilded Bandit,120	J Alvarado	4-1-1	Mott	9-2
5	White Smoke Rising,120	R Santana, Jr	1-1-2	Baker	12-1
6	Lincoln's Law,120	L Saez	2-9-2	Bauer	15-1
7	Obliteration,124	J Ortiz	3-1-1	Asmussen	7-5
8	Rockies Balboa,120	M Franco	7-1-5	Romans	30-1

10 5 1/2 fur(T); $58,000; clm($40,000); 3up(f)

Wide open in the Friday finale. **FIVE DOZEN ROSES** broke maiden (8th start). Right back for Rice/Irad. **FROM SCRATCH** Dirt to turf for Asmussen. 1 for 19 overall and 1 for 5 on grass. 2 lengths shy with allowance last try. J Ortiz picks up the Churchill invader. **EMERALD EMBER** loads off a maiden breaker as well (5th start). Can the Kantarmaci filly outkick top pick? **SCORCH** was 2nd with similar. Rider change to Prat.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Scorch(L),122	F Prat	2-5-1	Abreu	9-2
2	Five Dozen Roses(L),126	I Ortiz, Jr	1-2-4	Rice	5-1
3	Emerald Ember(L),122	R Santana, Jr	1-2-4	Kantarmaci	4-1
4	Rockyta(L),122	L Saez	4-5-4	Sweezey	8-1
5	Heads in Beds(FR)(L),126	M Franco	6-1-4	Joseph	6-1
6	Kaaterskill(L),126	J Lezcano	10-7-8	Dunham	15-1
7	Union Doos(L),122	D Davis	4-1-6	Reid	20-1
8	Lilies N Paradise(L),122	J Rodriguez	9-3-3	Maker	12-1
9	From Scratch(L),126	J Ortiz	6-4-5	Asmussen	7-2
10	Give Her Another(L),126	T Gaffalione	5-4-4	Potts	12-1
11	Will of a Womanne(L),126	E Zayas	4-3-5	Ferraro	15-1
12	Expecto Patronum(L),126	M Franco	2-1-7	Rice	4-1
13	Leslie's Star(L),126	T Gaffalione	8-4-5	Potts	8-1
14	Amelia's Echo(L),126	Rider TBA	4-2-2	Kantarmaci	6-1

PLAY OF THE DAY

Sloppy track, but Preside ($5.18) didn't mind. Profit: $47.70. One more. In the opener, play $10 across the board on first time starter The Devil In Me. — *Vic Cangialosi*

Yonkers entries Friday

Post Time: 6:45 p.m.

FIRST: Mile trot; $19,000; cond

1	Sensi Amnesia	(JMarohn)	3-1-2	5-2
2	Songs In The Wind	(TButer)	2-2-7	9-2
3	Sunday's Brunch	(JStratton)	6-3-2	3-1
4	CommuninMney	(ASegelmn)	5-4-4	15-1
5	Mycrwnmykngdm	(PLchnce)	2-9-5	8-1
6	Cactustotheclouds	(BHollnd)	5-6-4	7-2
7	Meetmeatthebar	(DDube)	3-1-5	20-1
8	Mazeppa N	(CKelly)	2-7-1	20-1

SECOND: Mile pace; $15,000; cond

1	Stay Happy	(ASiegelman)	7-7-7	5-1
2	Discoveringthehunt	(JStrttn)	5-8-2	7-5
3	Hurrikane Marigold	(CKelly)	3-7-3	3-1
4	Quick Menu	(DDube)	7-8-4	12-1
5	Onederfulbeach	(BHolland)	5-5-2	7-2
6	Harper Seelster	(TButer)	3-X-7	20-1
7	Catnap	(VGinsburg)	7-7-2	20-1

THIRD: Mile pace; $19,000; cond

1	BeckoningYankee	(BHolland)	8-4-5	2-1
2	Shez The Reason A	(SSmith)	5-7-6	20-1
3	Racy Roxy A	(JMarohn)	6-2-1	7-2
4	Island Bouhinia A	(TButer)	3-6-4	3-1
5	MacarenaWink	(Siegelman)	8-6-8	5-1
6	Fighting Evil	(CKelly)	5-4-6	20-1
7	Laurie Lee	(PLachance)	2-4-5	20-1

FOURTH: Mile pace; $43,000; Invitational

1	Coastal Babe N	(CKelly)	2-1-7	4-1
2	Silk Cloud A	(JMarohn)	3-2-3	6-1
3	Bath Bomb	(JStratton)	4-2-3	8-1
4	Sweetnikkilou A	(TButer)	1-1-1	3-1
5	Jensville A	(BHolland)	1-3-5	5-1
6	Francent N	(PLachance)	1-1-X	7-2

FIFTH: Mile pace; $23,000; cond

1	Lydeo	(JMarohn)	4-2-6	4-1
2	Hunting Hula	(PLachance)	2-6-6	5-2
3	Shesgotthejack	(TButer)	2-6-6	9-2
4	Ultimate Speed	(DDube)	6-4-4	12-1
5	Cruise Alert	(JStratton)	1-3-8	8-1
6	CoachellabondN	(ASegelmn)	1-1-1	3-1
7	Twin B Echo	(BHolland)	7-2-1	20-1
8	Cerise Rainbow A	(CKelly)	4-1-3	20-1

SIXTH: Mile trot; $23,000; cond

1	K J Title	(ASiegelman)	8-1-4	4-1
2	Bjm's Lil Man	(TButer)	4-3-3	3-2
3	Kildare King	(CKelly)	1-1-7	5-1
4	Stormont Divide	(JStratton)	6-3-1	6-1
5	E-Pass	(BHolland)	4-2-4	8-1
6	Honolulu Hanover	(JMarohn)	6-5-3	12-1
7	Duly Resolved	(VGinsburg)	4-4-1	10-1
8	Hand Dover Dan	(DDube)	1-1-3	20-1

SEVENTH: Mile trot; $21,000; cond

1	Musical Ride	(PLachance)	7-2-8	9-2
2	Diplomacy	(JMarohn)	7-5-5	5-2
3	I'm Out	(JStratton)	8-5-7	4-1
4	The Hazelton	(TButer)	7-4-8	3-1
5	Stmikes Kerryblues	(DDube)	7-9-4	20-1
6	Street Gossip	(ASiegelman)	3-5-6	8-1
7	Bully Boy Hill	(BHolland)	4-4-7	20-1
8	Jas Bluestone	(CKelly)	5-3-5	6-1

EIGHTH: Mile pace; $23,000; cond

1	Miss Dottie Mae	(CKelly)	2-4-1	8-1
2	Raspalia N	(BHolland)	7-7-2	8-5
3	Time To Strike	(JMarohn)	6-7-4	5-1
4	Millwood Bliss N	(TButer)	8-6-6	2-1
5	Ideal Cover	(VGinsburg)	7-6-1	20-1
6	Dandy's Mercy	(DDube)	3-1-5	6-1
7	Post Painter N	(PLachance)	4-1-X	20-1
8	Chanceoflightning	(JStrattn)	5-2-1	20-1

NINTH: Mile pace; $28,000; cond

1	Waitforever N	(BHolland)	4-3-1	3-1
2	AnnaLovesBanans	(VGnsbrg)	2-1-4	6-1
3	Sheer Artistry N	(CKelly)	1-2-5	2-1
4	Earth Angel	(ASiegelman)	7-1-1	15-1
5	Elektra A	(TButer)	3-5-3	5-2
6	Cheryls Shadow	(JStratton)	3-1-3	20-1
7	LooklikediamondsA	(Marhn)	2-1-4	10-1
8	Glittering Hope	(DDube)	6-5-4	20-1

TENTH: Mile trot; $15,000; cond

1	Melissa P	(VGinsburg)	8-3-6	10-1
2	Fashion Forever	(SSmith)	7-5-2	20-1
3	Spanish Room	(JStratton)	6-7-3	7-2
4	Big Charlie Moran	(CKelly)	3-4-3	9-2
5	Six And Stones	(BHolland)	5-6-6	8-1
6	Warrior One	(ASiegelman)	5-7-6	3-1
7	Bar Keep De Vie	(DDube)	7-5-5	20-1
8	Warrawee Yang	(TButer)	1-7-3	2-1

Saratoga Results

FIRST-1 mile; $100,000; mdn; 3up (f&m)

4 Unlck th Vlu (Frnc) 10.88 5.50 3.04
3 Into the Unknown (Ellott) 3.44 2.32
2 Suted Connectors (SantanJr.) 2.58

● $1 Exacta (4-3) $17.48 ● $0.1 Superfecta (4-3-2-5) $4.24 ● $0.5 Trifecta (4-3-2) $14.09

SECOND-5½ fur; $115,000; mdn spl wt; 2YO

12 Mdnght Rdr (Elltt) 11.94 7.28
10 Never Before (Alvarado) 8.08
Scr: Fire Marshal, Scramjet, Gaynor, Ninuccio, Bet On Zion, Top Thriller, Autospell, Solo Stryker

● $1 Daily Double (4-12) $32.05 ● $1 Exacta (12-10) $27.65 ● $1 Quinella (10-12) $10.93 ● $1 Consolation Double (4-3) $5.16

THIRD-7 fur; $68,000; clm($55,000); 3up

3 Barb (Prat) 6.64 2.80 2.84
6 Perfect Force (Ortiz) 2.60 3.26
2 Bedard (Ortiz,Jr.) 2.10 2.32
Scr: Schlomo

● $1 Consolation Pick 3 (4-3-3) $19.82 ● $1 Pick 3 (4-12-3) $162.29 ● $1 Daily Double (12-3) $31.38 ● $1 Exacta (3-2) $4.04 ● $1 Exacta (3-6) $9.07 ● $0.1 Superfecta (3-2-6-5) $1.40 ● $0.1 Superfecta (3-6-2-5) $2.68 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-2-6) $4.43 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-6-2) $8.18

FOURTH-1 mile 1 fur; $115,000; mdn; 3up

5 Preside (Ortiz,Jr.) 5.18 3.10 2.10
1 Hadrian's Wall (Franco) 3.58 2.18
6 Collado Hueco (Prat) 2.10
Scr: Sir Duke, Storming

● $1 Pick 3 (12-3-5) $76.80 ● $1 Daily Double (3-5) $8.35 ● $1 Exacta (5-1) $6.29 ● $1 Quinella (1-5) $4.08 ● $0.1 Superfecta (5-1-6-4) $1.22 ● $0.5 Trifecta (5-1-6) $3.56

Winner picked by Vic C (Lock)

FIFTH-1 mile; $60,000; clm($25,000); 4up

2 Fortune Sllr (Ortz) 14.12 6.02 3.82
1 Rynolds Chnnl (Rodrguz) 4.94 3.22
12 Sturdy (Santana,Jr.) 2.82
Scr: Black Powder, Life and Light, Hey Toby, Right to Win (IRE), Sara's Shaman, Late Call, Classic Creation, Outtawaterbury

● $1 Consolation Pick 3 (3-5-3/10) $7.62 ● $1 Pick 3 (3-5-2) $60.01 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (12-3-5-2) $490.89 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (4-12-3-5-2) $2919.50 ● $1 Daily Double (5-2) $19.98 ● $1 Exacta (2-1) $25.58 ● $0.1 Superfecta (2-1-12-9) $19.78 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-1-12) $29.57 ● $1 Consolation Double (5-3/10) $2.28

SIXTH-6 fur; $65,000; clm($30,000); 4up

5 Fctlly Crrct (Crmch) 13.24 5.04 3.50
2 Run Classic (Ortiz,Jr.) 2.94 2.40
1 Big Hat Willie (Rodriguez) 5.92

● $1 Consolation Pick 3 (5-3/10-5) $13.34 ● $1 Pick 3 (5-2-5) $111.88 ● $1 Daily Double (2-5) $48.50 ● $1 Exacta (5-2) $20.06 ● $0.1 Superfecta (5-2-1-6) $50.30 ● $0.5 Trifecta (5-2-1) $42.82 ● $1 Pick 3 (5-2-5) $111.88 ● $1 Daily Double (2-5) $48.50 ● $1 Exacta (5-2) $20.06 ● $1 Consolidation Pick-3 (5-3/10-5) $13.34 ● $0.1 Show (5-2-1-6) $50.30 ● $0.5 Trifecta (5-2-1) $42.82

SEVENTH-6½ fur; $78,000; alw; 3up (f&m)

3 Mg's Fxy Gry (Prt) 13.18 6.32 3.90
8 Majestc Return (SntnJr.) 8.84 5.30
6 Adrian (Franco) 3.60

● $1 Pick 3 (2-5-3) $386.04 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (3-5-2-5-3) $1803.16 ● $1 Daily Double (5-3) $47.58 ● $1 Exacta (3-8) $58.49 ● $0.1 Superfecta (3-8-6-4) $115.83 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-8-6) $133.12 ● $1 Pick 3 (2-5-3) $386.04 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (3-5-2-5-3) $1803.16 ● $1 Daily Double (5-3) $47.58 ● $1 Exacta (3-8) $58.49 ● $0.1 Show (3-8-6-4) $115.83 ● $0.5 Trifecta (3-8-6) $133.12

EIGHTH-Race 8, the Glens Falls was canceled. The Turf stake will be run on Sunday.

NINTH-5½ fur; $58,000; clm($40,000); 3up

4 Moments Notice (Irad) 9.94 4.70 3.02
11 Nash Potatoes (Saez) 7.66 4.06
12 Seekers Hope (Franco) 3.34
Scr: Tamino, Diliello, Strategicoperation, Out of the Fog, Slay Sadie Slay, Night

●$1 Exacta (4-11) $47.16 ● $0.1 Superfecta (4-11-12-9) $75.43 ● $0.5 Trifecta (4-11-12) $91.75

AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	64	44	.593	—	—	8-2	W-2	40-16	24-28
Yankees	61	48	.560	3½	+5½	6-4	L-2	26-23	35-25
Boston	57	51	.528	7	+2	7-3	W-2	25-29	32-22
Baltimore	53	56	.486	11½	2½	5-5	W-1	29-27	24-29
Toronto	50	59	.459	14½	5½	4-6	W-1	26-30	24-29

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Chicago	57	51	.528	—	—	5-5	W-2	34-21	23-30
Cleveland	56	54	.509	2	—	4-6	W-1	27-26	29-28
Minnesota	55	55	.500	3	1	6-4	W-1	30-27	25-28
Detroit	51	58	.468	6½	4½	5-5	L-1	30-27	21-31
Kansas City	46	64	.418	12	10	6-4	L-1	26-27	20-37

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Texas	55	54	.505	—	—	5-5	L-2	28-25	27-29
Houston	55	55	.500	½	1	8-2	W-3	26-27	29-28
Seattle	53	57	.482	2½	3	3-7	L-2	30-23	23-34
Athletics	45	64	.413	10	10½	3-7	L-2	21-33	24-31
Los Angeles	42	67	.385	13	13½	4-6	L-3	24-31	18-36

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Thursday

White Sox 2, **Yankees** 1, 11 inn.
Tampa Bay 3, Texas 2
Minnesota 4, Kansas City 3
Boston 5, Athletics 4
L.A. Dodgers 6, Seattle 2

Friday

Yankees at Cubs, 2:20
Philadelphia at Baltimore, 7:05
St. Louis at Toronto, 7:07
Arizona at Cleveland, 7:10
White Sox at Tampa Bay, 7:10
Texas at Houston, 8:15
Kansas City at Colorado, 8:40
Milwaukee at L.A. Angels, 9:38
Detroit at Athletics, 9:40
Boston at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10
Minnesota at Seattle, 10:10

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	64	45	.587	—	—	6-4	W-2	33-20	31-25
Philadelphia	57	52	.523	7	—	2-8	L-3	28-27	29-25
Miami	55	55	.500	9½	2½	3-7	L-1	34-23	21-32
Washington	55	55	.500	9½	2½	5-5	L-2	23-34	32-21
Mets	47	63	.427	17½	10½	5-5	W-1	25-31	22-32

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	67	41	.620	—	—	6-4	L-1	36-20	31-21
Chicago	62	47	.569	5½	+5	6-4	W-1	30-22	32-25
Pittsburgh	55	55	.500	13	2½	3-7	L-3	29-28	26-27
St. Louis	54	55	.495	13½	3	3-7	L-1	28-32	26-23
Cincinnati	51	57	.472	16	5½	6-4	W-1	24-30	27-27

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	69	40	.633	—	—	6-4	W-2	33-20	36-20
Arizona	57	52	.523	12	—	6-4	W-2	31-22	26-30
San Diego	55	54	.505	14	2	6-4	L-1	29-25	26-29
San Francisco	47	62	.431	22	10	5-5	W-2	26-27	21-35
Colorado	42	67	.385	27	15	3-7	L-4	24-29	18-38

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Solution to Very Easy #7,356

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Solution to Difficult #7,146

White Sox 2, Yankees 1, 11 inn.

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Grisham cf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.216
Rice 1b	3	0	0	0	2	0	.269
J.Domínguez rf	5	0	1	0	0	3	.232
Goldschmidt dh	5	0	0	0	0	2	.254
Jones lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.230
Schuemann ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.203
Chisholm 2b	3	0	1	0	2	1	.224
Caballero pr-2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Volpe ss	5	1	0	0	0	2	.248
McMahon 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.208
Wells c	2	0	1	0	0	1	.162
Rosario ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Sánchez c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.245
Totals	37	1	6	1	4	12	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Meidroth 2b-ss	2	1	0	0	3	0	.274
Murakami 1b	4	0	1	0	1	2	.240
Vargas dh	5	0	0	0	0	3	.239
Grichuk lf	2	0	2	0	1	0	.256
Antonacci ph-lf-2b	2	0	1	0	0	1	.280
C.Montgomery 3b	5	0	0	0	0	2	.217
Pereira cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.213
Peters ph-cf	1	1	0	1	1	0	.271
B.Montgomery rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.243
Acuña ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Benintendi ph-lf	1	0	1	1	0	0	.243
Quero c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.186
Totals	36	2	6	2	6	11	

Yankees	000 000 000 10 —	1	6	0
Chicago	000 000 000 11 —	2	6	1

Two outs when winning run scored. **E:** McMahon (6), Quero (7). **LOB:** New York 11, Chicago 10. **2B:** Wells (3), J.Domínguez (11), Grichuk (12). **RBIs:** Grisham (42), Benintendi (55), Peters (38). **SB:** Jones (3), Caballero (25). **CS:** Chisholm (6). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 7 (Jones, Volpe 3, Goldschmidt, J.Domínguez, Rice); Chicago 4 (Vargas, C.Montgomery 2, B.Montgomery). **RISP:** New York 1 for 15; Chicago 2 for 9.

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Weathers	7.0	3	0	0	3	4	106	3.99
Headrick	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	18	1.30
Chivilli	1.1	2	1	0	0	3	27	0.60
Cruz, L, 4-5	1.1	1	1	0	2	2	20	2.51

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Burke	6.0	3	0	0	2	10	91	3.04
Newcomb	2.0	2	0	0	1	1	25	2.87
Hudson	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2.89
Murphy	1.0	1	1	0	0	0	8	4.23
S.Domínguez, W, 4-3	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	15	4.10

T: 3:15. **A:** 29,384 (40,241).

Twins 4, Royals 3

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Jensen dh	3	1	0	0	2	1	.235
Rave cf	3	1	2	0	0	0	.286
Thomas ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.229
Caglianone 1b	4	1	2	2	0	0	.254
Perez c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.212
Massey 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Loftin rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.252
Collins lf	3	0	2	0	1	0	.242
J.Rojas 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Tolbert ss	4	0	2	0	0	1	.333
Totals	33	3	8	2	3	5	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Martin lf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.243
Caratini ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Jeffers c	3	1	1	0	0	1	.294
Lewis 2b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.216
Bell dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.242
Roden pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	.189
Clemens rf	4	1	1	4	0	1	.244
Keaschall cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Lee 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.244
Jackson 1b	3	0	0	0	0	3	.308
Kreidler ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.243
Larnach ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.287
Totals	28	4	3	4	3	8	

Kansas City	002 010 000 —	3	8	0
Minnesota	000 000 004 —	4	3	1

Two outs when winning run scored. **E:** Clemens (3). **LOB:** Kansas City 7, Minnesota 2. **2B:** Rave 2 (4). **HR:** Caglianone (17), off Ober; Clemens (19), off Strahm. **RBIs:** Caglianone 2 (40), Clemens 4 (53). **SB:** Rave (1), Tolbert (14). **CS:** Martin (7). **S:** J.Rojas. **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 5 (Thomas, Jensen 2, Caglianone, Perez); Minnesota 1 (Martin). **RISP:** Kansas City 1 for 6; Minnesota 1 for 2.

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cameron	8.0	1	0	0	2	7	97	4.59
Erceg, H, 4	0.2	1	3	3	1	1	22	5.85
Strahm, L, 3-4, BS, 0-4	0.0	1	1	1	0	0	3	7.01

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ober	6.0	4	3	2	2	3	79	4.45
Rogers	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	27	5.03
Morris	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	12	3.18
Gómez, W, 2-0	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	21	3.33

T: 2:23. **A:** 22,944 (38,544).

Mets 4, Marlins 2

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Hicks dh	3	0	2	0	1	0	.283
Edwards 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.292
Lopez ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.325
Stowers 1b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.233
Hernández lf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.238
Conine rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.267
Marsee cf	4	1	1	1	0	2	.197
Pauley 3b	3	0	2	0	0	0	.190
Ruiz pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.254
Sanoja 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.264
Mack c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Totals	31	2	7	2	3	9	

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ewing lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.268
Lindor ss	4	1	1	1	0	2	.227
Bichette 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.259
Benge rf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.261
Robert cf	4	0	1	2	0	0	.202
Baty 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Taylor ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.239
Young 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.253
Semien 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.212
Polanco dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	.140
Alvarez c	1	1	0	0	2	0	.257
Totals	31	4	6	3	2	8	

Miami	000 100 100 —	2	7	1
Mets	000 002 02x —	4	6	1

E: Pauley (3), McLean (3). **LOB:** Miami 6, New York 5. **2B:** Bichette (16). **HR:** Stowers (15), off McLean; Marsee (6), off McLean. **RBIs:** Stowers (47), Marsee (27), Lindor (24), Robert 2 (12). **SB:** Semien (7), Benge (17). **S:** Edwards. **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 2 (Lopez, Hernández); New York 3 (Polanco, Baty, Taylor). **RISP:** Miami 0 for 4; New York 3 for 8.

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
E.Pérez	6.0	3	2	1	2	6	97	3.44
Bachar	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	4.04
Petersen, L, 1-2	0.2	3	2	2	0	1	28	3.20
King	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	8	2.51

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
McLean	6.1	6	2	2	2	6	99	3.29
Raley, W, 5-5	1.2	1	0	0	0	1	14	2.01
Williams, S, 16-19	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	17	4.17

T: 2:44. **A:** 25,774 (42,136).

Red Sox 5, Athletics 4

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Seigler 2b	5	1	1	0	0	0	.255
Rafaela cf	4	0	2	2	0	1	.282
Abreu rf	4	1	1	1	0	2	.248
Contreras 1b	3	1	2	1	1	0	.289
Yoshida dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.260
Durbin 3b	2	1	0	0	0	0	.243
Duran lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.195
Monasterio ss	4	1	1	1	0	2	.259
Wong c	3	0	0	0	1	2	.261
Totals	33	5	8	5	2	9	

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Kurtz 1b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.257
Wilson dh	4	0	2	1	0	1	.275
Soderstrom lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.243
Heim c	4	1	2	0	0	0	.234
Bolte pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.245
Serven c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.286
White 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.292
Butler cf	4	2	2	1	0	1	.209
McNeil 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.248
Cortes rf	1	1	0	1	1	1	.265
Williams ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.264
Walton ss	3	0	1	1	0	1	.295
Thomas ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.202
Totals	34	4	9	4	2	8	

Boston	000 030 020 —	5	8	2
Athletics	001 201 000 —	4	9	1

E: Monasterio (5), Abreu (7), Walton (2). **LOB:** Boston 5, Athletics 6. **2B:** Rafaela (27), Wilson (12), Heim (11), Butler 2 (13), Williams (10). **HR:** Abreu (16), off Medina; Contreras (23), off Medina. **RBIs:** Monasterio (21), Rafaela 2 (52), Abreu (53), Contreras (67), Wilson (33), Butler (28), Walton (14), Cortes (28). **SB:** Rafaela (14). **SF:** Cortes. **S:** Durbin. **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 4 (Yoshida, Abreu, Monasterio 2); Athletics 4 (Kurtz, Wilson 2, Heim). **RISP:** Boston 2 for 6; Athletics 4 for 14.

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gray, W, 13-2	7.0	7	4	4	2	5	97	2.93
Weissert, H, 6	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	10	3.95
Chapman, S, 26-28	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	11	1.72

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Barnett	5.0	4	3	3	1	6	73	4.85
Blewett	2.0	2	0	0	0	1	22	0.00
Medina, L, 2-3, BS, 0-4	1.0	2	2	2	0	1	18	3.99
Alvarado	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	11	4.91

T: 2:24. **A:** 10,246 (14,014).

Cubs 4, Cardinals 2, 10 inn.

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong cf	5	0	2	0	0	2	.285
Suzuki dh-rf	3	1	0	0	2	1	.270
Busch 1b	5	0	2	1	0	0	.243
Bregman 3b	4	2	2	1	1	0	.248
Happ lf	5	0	1	1	0	0	.219
Hoerner 2b	5	0	3	0	0	0	.257
Conforto rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Dean rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.375
Webb p-p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Ramirez ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.311
Civale p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Kelly c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.260
Swanson ss	3	1	0	0	1	2	.216
Totals	39	4	11	3	4	5	

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wetherholt 2b	5	1	2	1	0	1	.253
Walker dh	5	0	1	0	0	3	.281
Burleson 1b	4	0	1	0	1	0	.284
Herrera c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.246
Velázquez pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Pagés c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.204
Crooks ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.171
Nootbaar rf	4	1	0	0	1	3	.241
Winn ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.242
Torres lf	4	0	2	1	0	0	.244
Jordan 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.231
Church cf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.222
Fermín ph-cf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.246
Totals	38	2	10	2	3	9	

Chicago	000 100 100 2 —	4	11	0
St. Louis	010 000 100 0 —	2	10	1

E: Nootbaar (1). **LOB:** Chicago 10, St. Louis 10. **2B:** Crow-Armstrong 2 (21), Bregman 2 (21), Happ (21). **HR:** Wetherholt (16), off Thielbar. **RBIs:** Busch (58), Bregman (47), Happ (48), Torres (13), Wetherholt (41). **SB:** Wetherholt (12), Hoerner (16), Swanson (15). **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 6 (Ramirez, Busch, Suzuki, Happ 2, Conforto); St. Louis 5 (Nootbaar 2, Church 3). **RISP:** Chicago 3 for 12; St. Louis 1 for 12.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Assad	4.1	6	1	1	2	6	83	3.75
Rolison	1.2	1	0	0	1	1	24	2.55
Thielbar, BS, 2-6	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	11	4.09
Hollowell	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	13	2.51
Webb, W, 4-2	1.1	1	0	0	0	0	15	2.64
Civale, S, 1-1	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	9	5.31

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pallante	6.1	7	2	2	2	3	90	3.72
Soriano	0.2	1	0	0	2	1	29	3.38
Stanek	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	12	4.25
O'Brien	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	17	3.50
Gastelum, L, 2-2	1.0	2	2	1	0	0	21	6.30

T: 3:02. **A:** 29,475 (44,494).

Reds 3, Pirates 2

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Mangum lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.301
B.Lowe 2b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.253
Reynolds dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.267
Valdez rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.277
Cook pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.200
O'Hearn 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.270
Gonzales 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.316
Rodríguez c	3	0	1	0	1	1	.261
Gonzalez ss	1	0	0	1	0	1	.237
Triolo ph-ss	1	0	0	0	1	0	.244
Jh.Garcia cf-rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.190
Totals	33	2	7	2	2	10	

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
De La Cruz ss	4	2	3	1	1	0	.279
Stewart 1b	3	0	1	1	2	2	.254
Bleday lf	4	0	0	0	1	3	.228
Stephenson c	2	0	1	0	3	1	.251
N.Lowe dh	4	0	1	1	1	0	.255
Suárez 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.202
Myers cf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.276
Marte rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.186
McLain 2b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.191
Totals	32	3	9	3	9	12	

Pittsburgh	000 011 000 —	2	7	0
Cincinnati	002 000 001 —	3	9	0

Two outs when winning run scored. **LOB:** Pittsburgh 8, Cincinnati 12. **2B:** Gonzales (18), Valdez (9), N.Lowe (15), De La Cruz 3 (18). **HR:** B.Lowe (23), off Lowder. **RBIs:** Gonzalez (23), B.Lowe (70), De La Cruz (48), Stewart (80), N.Lowe (34). **SB:** De La Cruz 2 (20), Rodríguez 2 (5), Triolo (9). **CS:** Stewart (4), Bleday (4). **SF:** Gonzalez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Pittsburgh 4 (Mangum, Gonzales, B.Lowe 2); Cincinnati 6 (McLain, De La Cruz, N.Lowe 2, Marte, Stephenson). **RISP:** Pittsburgh 1 for 7; Cincinnati 1 for 15.

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ramírez	2.0	1	0	0	1	4	39	3.10
Barco	3.0	5	2	2	3	2	72	7.36
Murdock	2.0	2	0	0	3	3	45	0.00
Montgomery	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	7	3.86
Soto, L, 5-3	0.2	1	1	1	2	1	18	3.77

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lowder	6.0	5	2	2	0	5	90	5.42
Burke	1.0	0	0	0	2	2	28	2.56
Antone	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	22	2.10
Pagán, W, 3-1	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	16	4.84

T: 3:00. **A:** 25,532 (43,891).

Giants 4, Padres 1

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Arraez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.328
Ramos lf	4	1	1	0	1	1	.267
Eldridge dh	5	0	2	0	0	2	.253
Devers 1b	4	1	3	1	0	0	.248
Lee rf	3	0	1	0	2	0	.302
Adames ss	5	1	1	0	0	0	.227
Susac c	3	1	1	3	0	0	.258
McCray cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.176
Koss 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.171
Totals	36	4	11	4	3	4	

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Tatis rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.285
Rengifo dh	3	0	2	0	1	0	.237
Machado 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.214
France 1b	3	1	0	0	0	2	.282
Merrill cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.236
Campusano c	3	0	1	0	1	1	.287
Durán pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.146
Bogaerts ss	4	0	1	1	0	0	.218
Cronenworth 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.210
Bowen lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.143
Sheets ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.214
Totals	31	1	6	1	2	10	

San Francisco	120 010 000 —	4	11	0
San Diego	010 000 000 —	1	6	0

LOB: San Francisco 11, San Diego 6. **2B:** Lee (24), Rengifo (11). **HR:** Susac (3), off Sears. **RBIs:** Devers (61), Susac 3 (22), Bogaerts (40). **SB:** Adames (4), Ramos (3). **CS:** Tatis (11). **SF:** Devers, Susac. **Runners left in scoring position:** San Francisco 8 (Eldridge 2, McCray, Susac 2, Adames 3); San Diego 1 (France). **RISP:** San Francisco 0 for 9; San Diego 1 for 4.

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ray, W, 10-6	6.0	4	1	1	1	6	86	3.08
Kilian, H, 4	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	18	4.36
Smith, H, 6	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	27	2.50
E.Miller, S, 4-5	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	14	2.78

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sears, L, 3-4	3.2	7	3	3	1	2	67	4.26
Peralta	0.2	1	1	1	1	1	23	3.29
Vásquez	4.2	3	0	0	1	1	65	4.45

T: 2:53. **A:** 42,758 (40,222).

Dodgers 6, Mariners 2

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Young 2b	5	1	2	0	0	0	.261
Arozarena lf	4	1	3	1	1	0	.283
Canzone dh	3	0	0	0	2	3	.261
Rodríguez cf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.251
Naylor 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.263
Raleigh c	3	0	0	1	1	2	.163
Raley rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.225
Refsnyder ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.140
Wilson 3b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.222
Emerson ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.196
Totals	35	2	8	2	5	11	

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Edman 2b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.321
Pages cf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.269
Freeman 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.301
Muncy 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.253
Betts ss	4	0	2	2	0	1	.232
Tucker rf	3	1	0	0	1	2	.235
T.Hernández dh	3	2	2	1	1	0	.252
Rushing c	4	1	1	3	0	3	.257
E.Hernández lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.571
Totals	32	6	8	6	3	13	

Seattle	000 002 000 —	2	8	0
Los Angeles	200 301 00x —	6	8	1

E: Sasaki (2). **LOB:** Seattle 11, Los Angeles 5. **2B:** Arozarena (22), Betts (11). **3B:** Young (3). **HR:** Rushing (12), off Woo; T.Hernández (9), off Hoppe. **RBIs:** Arozarena (48), Raleigh (37), Betts 2 (36), Rushing 3 (36), T.Hernández (38). **SB:** Tucker (7). **Runners left in scoring position:** Seattle 5 (Emerson, Rodríguez 2, Wilson 2); Los Angeles 4 (Rushing 2, Muncy, Tucker). **RISP:** Seattle 2 for 8; Los Angeles 4 for 10.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Woo, L, 7-8	5.0	5	5	5	2	8	91	4.56
Hoppe	2.0	1	1	1	0	3	35	5.79
Wilcox	1.0	2	0	0	1	2	19	3.16

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sasaki, W, 5-5	5.1	5	2	2	3	7	90	4.64
Dreyer, H, 7	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	8	3.07
Henriquez	0.1	1	0	0	1	0	19	2.79
Scott	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	27	2.42
Díaz	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	18	9.00

T: 2:49. **A:** 52,378 (56,000).

Rays 3, Rangers 2

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Langford lf	4	0	1	1	1	1	.277
Duran 3b-ss	3	1	0	0	1	2	.269
Nimmo dh	2	0	0	0	2	0	.266
Burger 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.236
Foscue 2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.262
Pederson ph	1	0	0	1	0	0	.252
Smith pr-3b	1	0	0	0	1	0	.213
Cauley cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.233
Lopez ss-2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.297
Wynns c	3	0	0	0	0	3	.094
Carter ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.202
Osuna rf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.258
Totals	**30**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**7**	**13**	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Y.Díaz dh	4	0	2	1	0	1	.303
Aranda 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.284
Caminero 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.280
Mullins cf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.202
DeLuca lf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.262
Mesa rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.224
Williamson 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.251
Walls ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	.217
Feduccia c	3	1	1	0	0	1	.232
Totals	**31**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**2**	**5**	

Texas	**000 110 000 —**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Tampa Bay	**001 001 01x —**	**3**	**9**	**1**

E: Walls (6). **LOB:** Texas 9, Tampa Bay 6. **2B:** Langford (13), Feduccia (7). **HR:** DeLuca (7), off Gray; Mullins (13), off Peoples. **RBIs:** Pederson (41), Langford (30), Y.Díaz (63), DeLuca (33), Mullins (34). **SB:** Nimmo (5), Osuna (5), DeLuca (11). **Runners left in scoring position:** Texas 5 (Lopez, Duran 2, Burger 2); Tampa Bay 3 (Mesa, Mullins 2). **RISP:** Texas 0 for 8; Tampa Bay 1 for 4.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Winn	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	12	5.94
Gonzales	3.0	5	1	1	2	1	68	1.50
Gray, BS, 0-2	2.0	1	1	1	0	2	28	3.48
Ahlstrom	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	15	4.71
Peoples, L, 0-1	0.2	2	1	1	0	1	13	2.70

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
McClanahan	3.0	0	1	1	2	3	49	3.09
Legumina	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	9	3.74
Booser	0.2	1	1	1	0	1	11	2.11
Kimbrel	0.2	1	0	0	1	1	14	4.41
Matz	2.0	0	0	0	1	3	33	6.07
Cleavinger, W, 3-3	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	20	3.31
Baker, S, 30-33	1.0	0	0	0	2	2	30	1.49

T: 2:49. **A:** 15,322 (25,025).

Braves 5, Nationals 4

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wood rf	2	1	0	0	3	0	.270
García 1b	5	1	3	2	0	1	.286
Crews cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.224
Abrams ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.289
Lile lf	4	2	2	2	0	0	.248
Ruiz c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.263
Chaparro ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.221
Ford c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Tena dh	4	0	2	0	0	1	.249
Vivas 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.237
House ph-3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Nuñez 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.242
Totals	**34**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**4**	**6**	

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Baldwin c	3	1	0	0	1	0	.279
Acuña rf	3	2	1	1	1	1	.244
Olson 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.261
Harris cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.290
Albies 2b	3	0	1	2	0	0	.261
Dubón 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.258
Smith dh	3	1	1	0	0	0	.267
Yastrzemski lf	2	1	1	2	0	0	.226
White ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Jarvis ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	.243
Totals	**28**	**5**	**4**	**5**	**3**	**3**	

Washington	**011 100 100 —**	**4**	**7**	**1**
Atlanta	**000 122 00x —**	**5**	**4**	**0**

E: Wood (6). **LOB:** Washington 7, Atlanta 2. **2B:** García (19), Tena (11). **3B:** García (5). **HR:** Lile 2 (13), off Holmes; García (23), off Holmes; Acuña (8), off Irvin; Yastrzemski (7), off Irvin. **RBIs:** Lile 2 (54), García 2 (76), Acuña (23), Yastrzemski 2 (30), Albies 2 (62). **SB:** Wood (17), Nuñez (39). **Runners left in scoring position:** Washington 6 (House, Abrams 4, Nuñez); Atlanta 0. **RISP:** Washington 0 for 9; Atlanta 2 for 4.

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Irvin, L, 2-5	5.0	3	5	5	2	1	61	5.56
Palmquist	2.0	1	0	0	1	0	30	7.31
Cornelio	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	9	5.59

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Holmes	4.2	5	3	3	2	4	69	3.88
D.Young	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	17	2.08
Mederos, W, 1-0	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	17	4.05
Lee, H, 22	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	20	2.16
Iglesias, S, 23-25	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	15	2.31

T: 2:21. **A:** 35,418 (41,149).

WNBA

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Indiana	18	10	.643	—
Atlanta	17	10	.630	½
Liberty	16	13	.552	2½
Washington	15	12	.556	2½
Toronto	10	18	.357	8
Chicago	10	18	.357	8
Connecticut	7	22	.241	11½

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	24	6	.800	—
Las Vegas	20	8	.714	3
Golden State	19	9	.679	3½
Dallas	18	10	.643	4½
Portland	11	17	.393	11½
Phoenix	11	18	.379	12
Los Angeles	10	17	.370	12
Seattle	6	24	.200	17½

Thursday
Las Vegas 104, **Liberty** 99
Minnesota 104, Toronto 72
Chicago 94, Connecticut 88

Friday
Dallas at Washington, 7:30pm
Seattle at Atlanta, 7:30pm
Indiana at Portland, 10pm

Saturday
Liberty at Phoenix, 3pm
Las Vegas at Chicago, 1pm

Sunday
Indiana at Minnesota, 1pm
Los Angeles at Portland, 3:30pm
Connecticut at Dallas, 7pm
Toronto at Golden State, 8:30pm

Aces 104, Liberty 99

Liberty

	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts
Allen	27:09	5-6	0-0	0-1	0	3	13
Stewart	37:20	10-20	5-8	1-11	1	2	26
Jones	27:42	2-11	4-4	4-7	5	5	8
Astier	21:27	8-12	2-2	0-1	4	2	19
Ionescu	29:08	4-7	6-7	1-4	5	2	15
Fauthoux	18:21	3-5	2-2	0-4	1	1	9
Gardner	15:29	2-4	2-2	2-5	3	2	6
Xu	14:58	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	3	3
Johannes	8:26	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200:00	35-68	21-25	8-34	20	20	99

Percentages: FG .515, FT .840. **3-point goals:** 8-22, .364 (Allen 3-4, Stewart 1-1, Astier 1-3, Fauthoux 1-3, Xu 1-3, Ionescu 1-4, Jones 0-4). **Team rebounds:** 4. **Team turnovers:** 1. **Blocked shots:** 1 (Stewart). **Turnovers:** 12 (Ionescu 3, Astier 2, Gardner 2, Stewart 2, Fauthoux, Jones, Xu). **Steals:** 9 (Stewart 3, Astier 2, Gardner 2, Fauthoux, Xu). **Technicals:** coach Chris DeMarco, 10:00 fourth.

Las Vegas

	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts
Smith	19:05	2-3	3-4	0-4	1	5	7
Young	35:39	7-11	12-12	0-2	9	1	29
Wilson	35:42	11-22	10-11	1-10	6	1	33
Gray	33:45	6-10	0-0	0-3	4	6	16
Talbot	10:58	2-3	0-0	0-1	2	0	6
Loyd	26:51	2-8	0-0	1-2	0	2	6
Turner	21:10	2-3	0-0	1-3	1	4	4
Evans	16:50	1-4	0-0	0-1	2	2	3
Totals	200:00	33-64	25-27	3-26	25	21	104

Percentages: FG .516, FT .926. **3-point goals:** 13-28, .464 (Gray 4-6, Young 3-5, Talbot 2-3, Loyd 2-7, Evans 1-3, Wilson 1-4). **Team rebounds:** 6. **Team turnovers:** None. **Blocked shots:** 4 (Wilson 2, Talbot, Turner). **Turnovers:** 10 (Gray 4, Wilson 2, Young 2, Evans, Turner). **Steals:** 5 (Young 2, Loyd, Turner, Wilson). **Technicals:** None.

Liberty	26	18	27	28 —	99
Las Vegas	27	25	26	26 —	104

A: 10,500 (12,000). **T:** 2:07.

Champions Tour Schedule

July 31-Aug. 2 — Portugal Invitational, Quarteira, Portugal
Aug. 14-16 — Boeing Classic, Snoqualmie, Wash.
Aug. 21-23 — Rogers Charity Classic, Calgary, Alberta

MLS

EAST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	12	2	3	39	33	12
Inter Miami CF	11	2	4	37	43	30
New England	9	5	2	29	26	19
Chicago	8	6	2	26	30	22
NYCFC	7	6	4	25	30	23
Charlotte FC	7	6	4	25	28	25
Cincinnati	6	6	5	23	41	42
Red Bulls	6	7	4	22	26	37
D.C. United	5	5	7	22	24	27
Orlando City	6	9	2	20	28	44
Columbus	5	8	4	19	24	26
Toronto FC	3	7	7	16	23	31
CF Montréal	4	10	3	15	22	33
Philadelphia	3	10	4	13	22	31
Atlanta	3	11	3	12	17	30

WEST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	10	3	3	33	37	16
Los Angeles FC	10	5	3	33	34	18
San Jose	10	4	3	33	35	20
Real Salt Lake	8	6	2	26	28	24
Houston	8	6	2	26	23	24
FC Dallas	7	5	5	26	32	25
St Louis City	7	6	4	25	23	23
Seattle FC	7	6	3	24	19	20
Minn. United	6	6	5	23	19	24
Portland	6	8	3	21	31	32
LA Galaxy	5	7	6	21	24	29
San Diego FC	5	7	5	20	31	28
Colorado	6	10	1	19	26	25
Austin FC	4	8	5	17	22	35
Sporting K.C.	4	11	2	14	18	44

Note: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie

Friday
Toronto FC at **NYCFC**, 7:30pm

Saturday
Orlando City at **Red Bulls**, 7:30pm
San Jose at Cincinnati, 7:30pm
Nashville at D.C. United, 7:30pm
Columbus at Miami, 7:30pm
New England at CF Montréal, 7:30pm
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:30pm
Los Angeles FC at Vancouver, 7:30pm
Charlotte FC at Chicago, 8:30pm
Houston at Sporting K.C., 8:30pm
San Diego FC at Minnesota, 8:30pm
Salt Lake at St Louis City, 8:30pm
Austin FC at Colorado, 9:30pm
FC Dallas at LA Galaxy, 10:30pm
Seattle FC at Portland, 10:45pm

Saturday, August 8
Houston at New England, 4:30pm

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	11	3	3	36	26	12
Gotham FC	10	3	4	34	22	12
Utah Royals FC	9	5	3	30	26	18
San Diego	9	6	2	29	23	19
Portland	8	5	4	28	27	20
Kansas City	9	7	1	28	28	24
Orlando	7	8	2	23	22	21
Angel City	7	7	1	22	23	16
North Carolina	6	6	3	21	21	23
Seattle	6	7	2	20	17	19
Denver Summit FC	5	6	4	19	21	20
Houston	5	7	4	19	19	24
Boston Legacy FC	5	8	4	19	18	23
Bay FC	5	8	3	18	16	21
Chicago	4	12	0	12	8	31
Louisville	3	11	2	11	19	33

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday
Orlando at North Carolina, 8pm

Saturday
Chicago at Louisville, 4pm
Angel City at Kansas City, 6:30pm
Gotham FC at Houston, 8pm
Seattle at Bay FC, 8:45pm

Sunday
San Diego at Washington, 4pm
Portland at Utah Royals FC, 7pm
Boston Legacy FC at Denver Summit FC, 9pm

Wednesday
North Carolina at Denver Summit FC, 10pm

Friday, August 7
Louisville at Orlando, 7pm
San Diego at **Gotham FC**, 8pm

Saturday, August 8
Utah Royals FC at Denver Summit FC, 4pm
North Carolina at Washington, 6:30pm
Kansas City at Houston, 8:45pm

Golf

PGA Tour- Rocket Classic
At North Course; Detroit; Purse: $10 million; Yardage: 7,328; Par: 70
First Round

Peter Malnati	28-33	61	-9
Rickie Fowler	32-31	63	-7
Ryan Gerard	34-29	63	-7
Patrick Cantlay	31-33	64	-6
Patrick Fishburn	31-33	64	-6
Keegan Bradley	34-31	65	-5
Michael Brennan	32-33	65	-5
Doug Ghim	32-33	65	-5
Stephan Jaeger	32-33	65	-5
Michael Kim	32-33	65	-5
Chris Kirk	30-35	65	-5
Hayden Springer	32-33	65	-5
Ricky Castillo	32-34	66	-4
Luke Clanton	33-33	66	-4
Emiliano Grillo	34-32	66	-4
Ryo Hisatsune	33-33	66	-4
Rico Hoey	33-33	66	-4
Mark Hubbard	34-32	66	-4
Nicolai Højgaard	33-33	66	-4
Johnny Keefer	34-32	66	-4
Matthieu Pavon	33-33	66	-4
Xander Schauffele	32-34	66	-4
Jordan L. Smith	32-34	66	-4
Brandt Snedeker	33-33	66	-4
Jackson Suber	34-32	66	-4
Kevin Yu	34-32	66	-4
Eric Cole	34-33	67	-3
Corey Conners	33-34	67	-3
Austin Eckroat	35-32	67	-3
Harris English	33-34	67	-3
Russell Henley	35-32	67	-3
Sungjae Im	34-33	67	-3
Benjamin James	33-34	67	-3
William Jennings	34-33	67	-3
Jake Knapp	36-31	67	-3
David Lipsky	33-34	67	-3
Hideki Matsuyama	34-33	67	-3
Thorbjørn Olesen	35-32	67	-3
Adrien Saddier	32-35	67	-3
Gordon Sargent	32-35	67	-3
Adam Schenk	31-36	67	-3
Neal Shipley	32-35	67	-3
J.J. Spaun	32-35	67	-3
Davis Thompson	35-32	67	-3
Matt Wallace	33-34	67	-3
Dylan Wu	33-34	67	-3
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	33-35	68	-2
Akshay Bhatia	33-35	68	-2
Jacob Bridgeman	32-36	68	-2
Brian Campbell	32-36	68	-2
Cameron Davis	33-35	68	-2
A.J. Ewart	35-33	68	-2
Tony Finau	33-35	68	-2
Chris Gotterup	34-34	68	-2
Max Greyserman	35-33	68	-2
Ben Griffin	34-34	68	-2
Joe Highsmith	33-35	68	-2
Billy Horschel	34-34	68	-2
Matt Kuchar	32-36	68	-2
Justin Lower	34-34	68	-2
Max McGreevy	34-34	68	-2
Andrew Putnam	32-36	68	-2
Davis Riley	33-35	68	-2
Matti Schmid	33-35	68	-2
Jordan Spieth	35-33	68	-2
Sam Stevens	34-34	68	-2
Kris Ventura	34-34	68	-2
Aaron Wise	32-36	68	-2

LPGA Tour- AIG Women's Open
At Royal Lytham & St. Annes; Lancashire, United Kingdom; Purse: $10 million; Yardage: 6,601; Par: 71
First Round

Jeeno Thitikul	31-33	64	-7
Shiho Kuwaki	33-33	66	-5
Hae-Ran Ryu	31-35	66	-5
Celine Boutier	32-35	67	-4
Yealimi Noh	34-33	67	-4
Chizzy Iwai	34-34	68	-3
Chanettee Wannasaen	32-36	68	-3
Ashleigh Buhai	36-33	69	-2
Lauren Coughlin	34-35	69	-2
Diksha Dagar	35-34	69	-2
Charley Hull	34-35	69	-2
Paula Martin Sampedro	34-35	69	-2
Mao Saigo	34-35	69	-2
Rio Takeda	33-36	69	-2
Shannon Tan	35-34	69	-2
Lottie Woad	34-35	69	-2
Alexandra Forsterling	35-35	70	-1
Alice Hewson	32-38	70	-1
Jin Hee Im	33-37	70	-1
Soo Bin Joo	37-33	70	-1
Jennifer Kupcho	34-36	70	-1
Cassie Porter	33-37	70	-1
Yana Wilson	35-35	70	-1
Yunseo Yang	33-37	70	-1
Arpichaya Yubol	34-36	70	-1
Robyn Choi	35-36	71	E
Annabell Fuller	33-38	71	E
Linn Grant	34-37	71	E
Hannah Green	34-37	71	E
Leonie Harm	34-37	71	E
Wei-Ling Hsu	34-37	71	E
MinJi Kang	34-37	71	E
Lydia Ko	34-37	71	E
Noora Komulainen	35-36	71	E
Andrea Lee	36-35	71	E
Mimi Rhodes	37-34	71	E
Casandra Alexander	35-37	72	+1
Pia Babnik	34-38	72	+1
Erika Hara	35-37	72	+1
Brooke Henderson	35-37	72	+1
Aki Iwai	36-36	72	+1
Minami Katsu	34-38	72	+1
Sei Young Kim	34-38	72	+1
Mi Hyang Lee	38-34	72	+1
Alison Lee	34-38	72	+1

Raley shines in likely his last Mets outing

By JAKE NISSE

If this was it for Brooks Raley, then he can certainly be proud of his Mets curtain call.

The lefty reliever got the win against the Marlins and recorded five big, scoreless outs in what will likely be his final appearance for the team ahead of the trade deadline.

"Obviously, the next three days, we don't know what Brooks' destination might be, and you want to see good people who've given a lot to this organization have good moments," interim manager Andy Green said. "And him getting a win I thought was fitting and special as well."

Raley has been with the Mets since 2023, made 148 appearances for the team and fought back from Tommy John surgery to reestablish himself as one of the league's strongest relievers.

And as he told reporters following the 4-2 win, he couldn't help but reflect on his Mets tenure as he went to the bench following his latest, and perhaps last outing for the club.

"This organization has been great to me, and hopefully we get back out there for another one in the next couple days," he said. "But you know, it's just the reality of it."

"I've been developed a lot here," he continued. "I thought I knew who I was as a player when I came over from Tampa. And this organization kind of embraced me."

Raley will likely finish his Mets run with an impressive 2.33 ERA, and he's formed part of a stout bullpen this season alongside Luke Weaver and A.J. Minter. Minter was traded to the Twins just minutes after Raley's postgame remarks.

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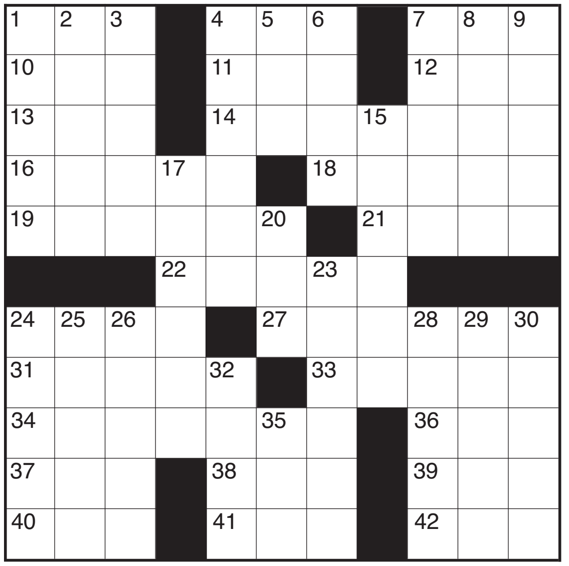

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SOLUTION IN SATURDAY'S POST

NEW YORK POST ACTION

The POST Line

MLB
Friday

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
CUBS	$117-143	**Yankees**
METS	$108-132	Marlins
RAYS	$113-138	White Sox
ASTROS	$107-130	Ranngers
ATHLETICS	OFF	Tigers
MARINERS	$154-192	Twins
Pirates	$105-128	REDS
BRAVES	$108-132	Nationals
PADRES	OFF	Giants
ORIOLES	OFF	Phillies
BLUE JAYS	$145-179	Cardinals
GUARDIANS	$113-138	Diamondbacks
Royals	-110-112	ROCKIES
Brewers	$134-163	ANGELS
DODGERS	OFF	Red Sox

Home team in CAPS

WNBA
Friday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
DREAM	12.5 (176.5)	Storm
Wings	3.5(168,5)	MYSTICS
Fever	6.5 (186.5)	FIRE

NFL-Preseason
Thursday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Panthers	1.5 (36.5)	Cardinals

game held in Canton, OH

CFL
Friday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Alouettes	6.5 (60.5)	REDBLACKS
	Saturday	
Stampeders	4.5 (59.5)	TIGER-CATS
ELKS	1.5 (59.5)	Roughriders

SPORTS SHORTS

MLB: Bregman, Cubs beat Cards

Alex Bregman drove in the go-ahead run with a 10th-inning double and the Cubs went on to a 4-2 win over the Cardinals in St. Louis. Bregman went 9-for-18 in the four-game series with six doubles, a home run and three RBIs as the Cubs took three games.

● In Minneapolis, **Kody Clemens** hit a game-ending grand slam with two outs in the ninth inning as the Twins beat the Royals 4-3 after being no-hit by **Noah Cameron** until the seventh.

● In St. Petersburg, Fla., **Cedric Mullins** hit a go-ahead home run in the eighth inning, **Jonny DeLuca** also went deep and seven pitchers combined on a two-hitter for the Rays in a 3-2 victory over the Rangers.

● In Atlanta, **Ronald Acuña Jr.** and **Mike Yastrzemski** homered and the Braves overcame a three-run deficit to beat the Nationals 5-4.

● In Cincinnati, **Elly De La Cruz** scored on a fielder's choice in the ninth inning to lift the Reds to a 3-2 victory over the Pirates.

NFL: Olave signs $132M deal

The Saints and wide receiver **Chris Olave** agreed to a long-term extension. Reports pinpointed it as a four-year, $132 million deal that includes $90 million guaranteed. He had career bests of 100 receptions, 1,163 yards and nine touchdowns in 16 games last season.

● The 49ers are bringing back former All-Pro **Deebo Samuel** for a second stint after starting receiver **Ricky Pearsall** got sidelined by a knee injury. A person familiar with the deal said Samuel agreed on Thursday to return to the 49ers on a one-year contract worth up to $7 million.

● The Falcons announced the passing of **Cristina Ulbrich**, the wife of defensive coordinator **Jeff Ulbrich**, due to cancer. Jeff Ulbrich had spent four seasons as the Jets defensive coordinator and was the interim head coach in 2024.

WNBA: No punishment for bet post

A social-media post showing stars **Paige Bueckers** and **Angel Reese** betting $400 on the outcome of a game between their teams "missed the mark," the WNBA said.

The players won't be punished for the bet, a person with direct knowledge of the matter told The Associated Press. The WNBA had deleted a post featuring Bueckers and Reese placing what appeared to be a personal wager on the game between the Dallas Wings and Atlanta Dream prior to the All-Star Weekend.

● In Toronto, **Napheesa Collier**, **Olivia Miles** and **Courtney Williams** each scored 16 points and the Minnesota Lynx beat the Toronto Tempo 104-72 for their ninth straight victory.

NHL: Devils ink White to deal

The Devils signed 29-year-old forward **Colin White** to a one-year, two-way contract. The deal will be for $900,000 on the NHL level and $400,000 at the AHL level.

The 6-foot-1, 195-pound White had 48 points last season in 46 games for the San Jose Sharks' top affiliate the San Jose Barracuda.

GOLF: Malnati takes Rocket lead

Peter Malnati shot a career-best, 9-under 61 to tie a tournament record in the first round of the final Rocket Classic, giving him a two-shot lead in Detroit.

Rickie Fowler and **Ryan Gerard** shot 63s, putting them two shots back and one stroke ahead of **Patrick Cantlay** and **Patrick Fishburn**.

● In Lytham St. Annes, England, **Jeeno Thitikul** took the first step toward the missing prize of her career when she opened with a 7-under 64 for a two-shot lead over **Haeran Ryu** and **Shiho Kuwaki** of Japan in the Women's British Open.

TOP PLAY

Expect pitchers' duel in Texas

By SEAN TREPPEDI

With Texas holding a half-game lead over Houston for the American League West lead, this weekend's series between the two should feel like the postseason with the trade deadline days away.

The Rangers just took three of four from Seattle this week to retain their precarious claim and become odds-on favorites at DraftKings to win the division.

Houston, on the other hand, just swept the abysmal Angels, giving their front office a headache while staying in contention despite owning a minus-41 run differential, the fifth worst in the American League.

Friday's opener kicks off with a pair of aces: Hunter Brown and Nathan Eovaldi.

Brown pitched a no-decision in a 7-3 loss in that series where his command slipped for five walks. That's been a big issue for the flamethrower in his journey back from a shoulder strain as his walk rate has almost doubled last season's clip.

He regained some gravitas in his last start, however, recording seven strikeouts through seven scoreless innings against the White Sox. If the Astros are going to make a run for their eighth postseason berth in 11 seasons, Brown needs to keep trending that way.

Eovaldi is showing no signs of regression in his 15th season. The two-time World Series champion has punched out at least eight batters in five of his past six games. He's gone seven innings in both of his starts against Houston back in May, churning out a 3.21 ERA.

THE PLAY: Under 8.5 runs

Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026			'25 vs OPP		CAREER	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA	vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA
Marlins	Junk (R)		4-6	4.89	6-8	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	13.2	5.27
Mets	Peralta (R)	(7:10pm)	5-9	4.99	10-12	0-1	6.17	3-5	0-2	13.2	7.24
Yankees	Warren (R)		7-5	4.41	13-7	0-1	3.38	0-1	0-2	12.0	9.75
Cubs	Imanaga (L)	(2:20pm)	7-8	3.72	10-11	1-0	1.29	1-0	2-1	18.0	0.50
Phillies	TBD		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Orioles	Young (R)	(7:05pm)	8-2	3.13	14-3	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	20.1	2.21
Cardinals	Leahy (R)		7-4	3.55	9-11	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	15.0	1.80
Blue Jays	Cease (R)	(7:07pm)	7-5	2.46	12-7	1-0	0.00	1-0	2-1	23.0	1.17
D'backs	Bratt (L)		0-1	6.32	2-2	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	12.2	7.11
Guardians	Bibee (R)	(7:10pm)	4-10	3.89	7-15	0-0	6.35	1-0	2-1	18.2	2.89
Royals	Wacha (R)		5-7	3.60	7-14	0-0	0.00	3-2	0-1	17.2	4.58
Rockies	Sugano (R)	(8:40pm)	10-4	4.69	12-6	1-1	2.38	1-1	2-0	16.2	6.48
Brewers	Drohan (L)		5-4	3.51	6-5	—	—	0-0	1-2	18.1	5.40
Angels	Johnson (R)	(9:38pm)	2-5	7.34	2-6	—	—	0-0	1-1	13.1	8.10
Red Sox	Suarez (L)		4-3	3.02	10-8	0-0	4.50	3-2	1-0	12.2	4.26
Dodgers	TBD	(10:10pm)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
White Sox	Fedde (R)		5-6	4.25	7-4	0-0	0.00	2-0	1-0	13.1	5.40
Rays	Martinez (R)	(7:10pm)	10-2	2.46	16-4	0-0	0.00	2-4	3-0	17.1	1.56
Rangers	Eovaldi (R)		10-8	4.05	12-8	1-1	3.21	5-6	1-1	17.0	4.24
Astros	Brown (R)	(8:15pm)	2-1	3.45	5-4	0-0	4.50	4-4	1-1	17.2	3.57
Tigers	Mize (R)		4-6	2.70	5-11	0-0	0.00	0-1	0-1	15.0	3.00
Athletics	TBD	(9:40pm)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Twins	Matthews (R)		4-8	5.21	5-8	0-0	5.14	0-0	0-3	15.0	8.40
Mariners	Miller (R)	(10:10pm)	4-5	2.75	4-7	0-0	6.75	1-1	0-3	16.0	6.19
Pirates	Skenes (R)		9-9	3.66	9-13	1-0	4.50	5-0	2-1	17.2	4.08
Reds	Greene (R)	(6:10pm)	2-2	7.06	2-2	0-0	0.00	1-4	2-1	18.1	4.42
Nationals	Griffin (L)		12-2	2.76	17-4	2-0	2.25	2-0	3-0	20.2	2.18
Braves	Elder (R)	(7:15pm)	6-6	3.96	11-9	1-0	2.84	3-2	1-0	15.0	3.60
Giants	Whisenhunt (L)		2-1	4.60	2-1	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-1	15.2	4.60
Padres	TBD	(9:45pm)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

*** REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Let's play 2: Bucs & Royals

Thanks to all concerned about my well-being after my teams choked on their leads and blew back-to-back games in the final inning. No wellness check needed, but I did reach for the antidepressants after Korean boy band BTS decided to boycott the Grammys.

Two games. That's right. Two bets. Because how many times can the Titanic hit the iceberg? The Pirates visit the Reds. Play $100 on Paul Skenes and the Bucos. And $50 on Michael Wacha and the Royals, who play in Colorado.

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And that makes three straight walk-off losses! Ryan Weathers and Sean Burke left the game scoreless. The game went to extra innings scoreless. Yanks scored a run. The White Sox sent it to the 11th inning then won it 2-1 when Fernando Cruz walked in the winning run. On second thought, we may need help. Paging Dr. Fauci! Down -443 horaceclarkes.

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Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

	TODAY July 31	SAT Aug. 1	SUN Aug. 2	MON Aug. 3	TUE Aug. 4
	Cubs 2:20 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Cubs 7:15 Fox 660 AM 101.9 FM	Cubs 2:20 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	St. Louis 7:05 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	St. Louis 7:05 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM
	Miami 7:10 PIX11 880 AM	Miami 4:10 SNY 880 AM	Miami 1:40 SNY 880 AM	NO GAME	Cleveland 6:40 SNY 880 AM
	NO GAME	Phoenix 3:00 ABC	NO GAME	Seattle 7:00 My9	NO GAME

Saturday	Today	Saturday
Orlando City SC 7:30 Apple TV	Toronto FC 7:30 Apple TV	Houston Dash 8:00 NWSL+

Today's Sports on the Air

MLB BASEBALL		
2:20 p.m.	Yankees at Cubs	YES, 660 AM, 101.9 FM
7 p.m.	Cardinals at Blue Jays	MLBN
7:10 p.m.	Marlins at Mets	PIX11, 880 AM
8 p.m.	Rangers at Astros	Apple TV
9:30 p.m.	Giants at Padres	Apple TV
10 p.m.	Brewers at Angels (joined in progress)	MLBN
MEN'S SOCCER		
3 p.m.	Scottish Premiership: Rangers at Dundee United	CBSSN
7:30 p.m.	Toronto FC at NYCFC	Apple TV
9:55 p.m.	CONCACAF U-20 Championship Group Stage: U.S. vs. Cuba	FS2
10:55 p.m.	Liga MX: Pumas UNAM at Juarez	FS2
WNBA BASKETBALL		
7:30 p.m.	Wings at Mystics	ION
10 p.m.	Fever at Portland Fire	ION
NWSL WOMEN'S SOCCER		
8 p.m.	Orlando Pride at North Carolina Courage	Prime Video
GOLF		
8 a.m.	LPGA Tour: AIG Women's Open, 2nd Round	USA
9 a.m.	PGA Tour Champions: Portugal Invitational, 1st Round	Golf
3 p.m.	PGA Tour: Rocket Classic, 2nd Round	Golf
6 p.m.	Korn Ferry Tour: Utah Championship, 2nd Round	Golf
CFL FOOTBALL		
7:30 p.m.	Montreal Alouettes at Ottawa Redblacks	CBSSN
MIXED MARTIAL ARTS		
7 p.m.	PFL: Main Card	ESPN
TENNIS		
11 a.m.	ATP/WTA Washington D.C.: Quarterfinals	Tennis
11 p.m.	ATP Los Cabos: Semifinals	Tennis
HORSE RACING		
1 p.m.	Saratoga Live	FS2
WOMEN'S RUGBY		
1:10 a.m.(Sat.)	NRL: North Queensland at Canberra	FS2
AFL FOOTBALL		
5:30 a.m. (Sat.)	Brisbane at Carlton	FS2

UFC

Favorites to win at UFC Fight Night Saturday, Belgrade, Serbia

FIGHTER	ODDS	FIGHTER	ODDS
Uros Medic	-400	Ludovit Klein	-275
vs. Daniel Rodriguez	+300	vs. Tofiq Musayev	+220
Jan Blachowicz	+260	Oban Elliott	+275
vs. Navajo Stirling	-325	vs. Michael Oliveira	-350
Aleksandar Rakic	-350	Mark Vologdin	+154
vs. Marcin Tybura	+275	vs. Borislav Nikolic	-190
Dusko Todorovic	+145	Dennis Buzukja	+180
vs. Robert Valentin	-180	vs. Bogdan Grad	-220
Vlasto Cepo	-350	Mateusz Rebecki	-700
vs. Gilbert Urbina	+275	vs. Kyle Prepolec	+500
Milos Janicic	+100	Nina Milosevic	-500
vs. Noah Gugnon	-120	vs. Hailey Cowan	+360

ODDS & ENDS

NFL
Favorites to win Super Bowl 2027

TEAM	ODDS
Rams	+500
Bills	10/1
Ravens	11/1
Seahawks	11/1
Chiefs	15/1
Chargers	17/1
49ers	17/1
Broncos	18/1
Lions	18/1
Eagles	18/1
Packers	20/1
Texans	20/1
Patriots	20/1
Bengals	22/1
Bears	25/1
Cowboys	25/1
Jaguars	30/1
Vikings	50/1
Buccaneers	50/1
Colts	66/1
Giants	66/1
Commanders	66/1
Steelers	80/1
Saints	90/1
Falcons	100/1
Panthers	100/1
Raiders	150/1
Browns	250/1
Jets	250/1
Titans	250/1
Cardinals	500/1
Dolphins	500/1

MLB
Favorites to win 2026 World Series

TEAM	ODDS
Dodgers	+170
Yankees	+550
Brewers	+900
Braves	11/1
Phillies	16/1
Mariners	16/1
Rays	17/1
Cubs	18/1
Red Sox	22/1
Rangers	22/1
Guardians	35/1
White Sox	40/1
Tigers	55/1
Astros	60/1
Pirates	66/1
Diamondbacks	80/1
Orioles	80/1
Twins	90/1
Padres	100/1
Blue Jays	125/1
Marlins	250/1
Cardinals	250/1
Nationals	300/1
Reds	400/1
Athletics	400/1
Royals	500/1
Angels	500/1
Mets	500/1
Giants	500/1
Rockies	1,000/1

BET SMART

Rodriguez has value in enemy territory

By ERICH RICHTER

From the Middle East to the Balkan Peninsula, UFC Fight Night returns this weekend in another far-flung locale.

It's the first time that the UFC has traveled to Serbia, as headliner Uros Medic will get to fight in front of his hometown crowd in Belgrade.

We have 14 fights on this weekend's card where oddsmakers are projecting eight of those bouts to end inside the distance.

The entire card begins at 10 a.m. ET and is broadcast on Paramount+.

UFC Fight Night Serbia predictions
Uros Medic vs. Daniel Rodriguez

It's a big fight for Medic, as he fights at home this weekend against Rodriguez, who most recently was jailed in Mexico for a small amount of cannabis in his possession.

Rodriguez is coming off a win over Kevin Holland, and he might be a tough matchup for Medic this weekend.

For starters, Rodriguez has only been knocked out once in his MMA career, and that was against Ian Machado Garry, who is now fighting for the title.

His win over Holland was impressive as well; it showed he still has elite cardio, as Holland really faded down the stretch and lost by decision.

Medic has plenty of wins, but his level of competition is too low for me to trust.

His wins over Tim Means and Matthew Semelsberger don't mean a whole lot, as both have been released from the promotion.

Medic was knocked out by Punahele Soriano, and I think that Rodriguez is a live 'dog in enemy territory.

Live bet Rodriguez if he survives Round 1 is one of the most obvious bets to target on the card, and I like the value of him to win by KO/TKO +560 on Fanatics.

Recommendation: Daniel Rodriguez wins by KO/TKO (+560, Fanatics Sportsbook)

Jan Blachowicz vs. Navajo Stirling

Blachowicz is one of those light heavyweights that everyone sleeps on because of his age, but he's always been consistent.

Blachowicz, 43, has lost four straight fights, but he's also fought the three former champions in the division and only narrowly lost those fights.

He lost a split decision bout to Alex Pereira and also lost a unanimous decision to current champion Carlos Ulberg.

His opponent, Stirling, is hardly on the same level as those guys, although he has an impressive 6-0 record in the UFC.

Stirling is certainly rising; he just defeated Ion Cutelaba by knockout and is 28 years old.

Blachowicz is much older, but I am trusting the veteran in this spot.

Stirling just fought June 20; it's a short turnaround, and he's surely training hard right now, but I think two cage fights in the span of four weeks is a big ask.

Blachowicz has a very high floor as an underdog, and we haven't seen enough from Stirling at this point to cover a -300 price.

Recommendation: Jan Blachowicz to win by KO/TKO (10/1, FanDuel)

UFC Fight Night Serbia picks

Aleksandar Rakic vs. Marcin Tybura: Fight goes the distance (+125, Caesars)

Dusko Todorovic vs. Robert Valentin: Valentin by TKO (+290, BetRivers)

Vlasto Cepo vs. Gilbert Urbina: Cepo by decision (15/1, FanDuel)

Milos Janicic vs. Noah Gugnon: Pass

Ludovit Klein vs. Tofiq Musayev: Fight goes the distance (-135, BetMGM)

Oban Elliott vs. Michael Oliveira: Fight goes the distance (+184, FanDuel)

Borislav Nikolic vs. Mark Vologdin: Pass

Dennis Buzukja vs. Bogdan Grad: Fight goes the distance (-105, Fanatics)

Mateusz Rebecki vs. Kyle Prepolec: Prepolec by decision (+1100, FanDuel)

Nina Milosevic vs. Hailey Cowan: Fight goes the distance (+102, FanDuel)

Jovan Leka vs. Alexander Poppeck: Poppeck moneyline (+216, Prophet X)

Marina Spasic vs. Stephanie Luciano: Luciano by submission (+470, FanDuel)

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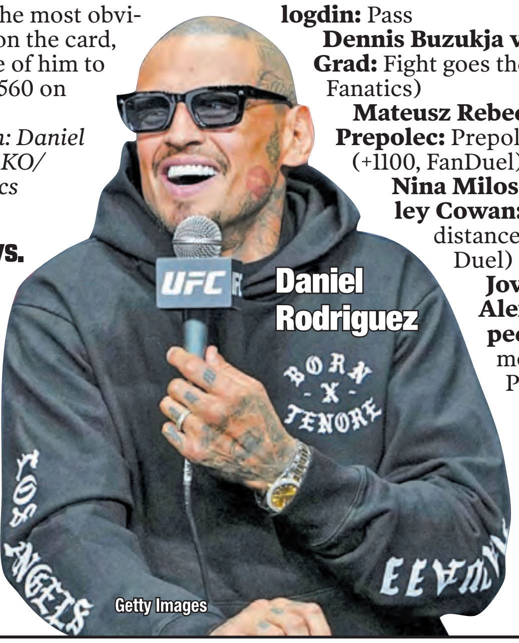

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WALKING BACK

James Messerschmidt; Dennis A. Clark

STEP BY STEP: Long Island's Lauren Harris has had trouble in the past staying focused on her racewalking talents. But recently, she has recommitted to making the 2028 Olympic team, much to the delight of Maria Michta-Coffey (below), a fellow racewalker and wife of Harris' coach..

LI's Harris finds focus to get on track for Olympics

By ALEX MITCHELL

Most 27-year-old math teachers don't have a shot at Olympic dreams — but that isn't the case for Long Island's Lauren Harris, whose chance at glory is a long time coming after years of reluctance.

The incredible racewalker — she's ranked 34th worldwide and holds several American records for distances as long as a half marathon and as short as a 5K — is putting herself on the fast track as a hopeful for the 2028 Games in Los Angeles ahead of qualifiers in December.

"That's the ultimate goal," the educator at Center Moriches High School told The Post. "I keep saying: I'm all in for these Olympics and trying to make it."

The Sachem East-turned-Marist track star's attitude is a far cry from where she was post-college, with one foot out the door from ever competing again.

"I just wasn't mature enough yet, I think, to fully commit myself to the sport," she said.

Stumble along the way

Harris' noncommittal streak spans back to high school, when she got busted skipping track practice to watch a basketball game with friends. The only thing that saved her from being tossed off the team was reading a letter of apology to her fellow runners and coaches aloud.

Though Harris didn't take racewalking as seriously as she should have at times, local two-time Olympian Maria Michta-Coffey, the wife of her coach Joseph Coffey, saw the undeniable skills.

"She really had quite a bit of talent as a high schooler," said Michta-Coffey, a physician assistant at South Shore University Hospital in Bay Shore.

It was still pulling teeth to get Harris to reach her full potential after college, as she would flake on Michta-Coffey, who was more than willing to train a next-generation protégé.

"The level of like, 'I'm tired, I'm sleeping in, I'm not going to meet you for practice today,' " Michta-Coffey recalled. "Or, like, 'Oops, sorry, this didn't work out, or I'm hanging out with people tonight, so it's not going to work out tomorrow.' "

Harris ended up taking about three years off from the sport in 2021 while starting up her teaching career — a financial necessity as racewalking alone can't make ends meet.

"Things kind of just spiraled downhill," Michta-Coffey said of Harris' athletic career. "My husband and I would lament how she had this talent that got away. 'Could you imagine how good she could be? She has all this potential, too bad.' We just couldn't get it right on track."

Harris couldn't truly stay away for good, though, and found herself coaching up-and-coming youth runners and walkers for a love of the game. She even volunteered with Sachem coach Daniel Schaub, who was the one ready to toss her off the team a few short years prior.

"I showed up to the meets, and it was so exciting," Harris said of rekindling her racewalking love around 2024.

Watching the Paris Games that summer with a coulda-woulda-shoulda mindset was another factor.

"Then it's like, I'm running every day, I'm in shape," she said. "Why don't I just get back into walking and feel this joy of racing again?"

Best foot forward

She pulled out the stops and went all in, intending to qualify for the World Championships in Tokyo last September.

"I had one year basically to become top 50 in the world," Harris said.

When she wasn't teaching, she was training — hitting both the pavement and track by her Lindenhurst apartment while wowing Michta-Coffey with the suddenly unbreakable champion's mentality.

"If anything, I have to be the one to keep her in check and hold her back," Michta-Coffey proudly said, calling Harris' change of heart "unparalleled."

Making the top 50 worldwide turned into a piece of cake. Harris finished 27th in Tokyo last year and 13th in the 2026 World Championships in Brazil.

"I found some intrinsic motivation that I didn't have prior," she said.

Now everybody from Michta-Coffey to her school to neighbors, sponsors and local fans are all in on Harris' success and Olympic pursuit.

Especially her mom and dad, Gina and Todd.

Gina handles the "behind-the-scenes stuff" such as having groceries available for her daughter, while Todd won't miss a moment of training come hell or high water — literally.

Harris' dad rides his bike alongside her while she hits the road no matter the conditions, like last winter when she braved a nine-miler during freezing rain.

"He went out and got a yellow giant rainsuit. He looked like Big Bird, and he put it on and was biking next to me," Harris said with a laugh. "And he's been to every country with me: China, Japan, everywhere, Finland. He does not miss anything. I know how proud he is of me."

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Port Washington on cusp of state LL crown

The tide is turning for Port Washington Little League.

The Nassau County boys of summer are now a game away from being crowned New York champs after a heartbreaking semifinal exit in last year's state tournament.

"It's a true team," manager **David Gabriel** told The Post. "Every kid is contributing to where we are today. It's really just something special."

Friday night's finals at 7 p.m. in West Nyack will be a duel between Long Island and Staten Island. Port Washington takes on Mid-Island Little League to climb one step closer to the Little League World Series.

The victor represents the Empire State in the LLWS regional tournament, where they will travel to Bristol, Conn., and face the best teams from New Jersey, Rhode Island and the Constitution State in games televised on ESPN.

That winner represents the Metro region for the big show in Williamsport, Pa.

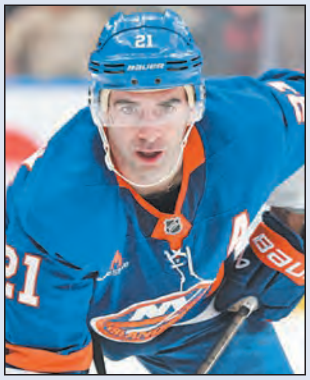
A five-run third inning sailed Port Washington to a 6-1 semifinal victory over Twin Town, NY, while Mid-Island showed mightiness in defeating Florida, NY, 11-1 in a five-inning game.

Both squads are evenly matched at 2-1 in tournament play. Port has allowed 10 runs overall and Mid-Island nine.

"We're playing up against a really good Staten Island team," Gabriel said. "We're going to have to play our best baseball."

Isles streetball

The Islanders and the KP21 Foundation of **Kyle Palmieri** (below) will be inviting several dozen children of military families for a free streetball clinic at Northwell Health Ice Center in East Meadow on Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. — *Alex Mitchell*



Voit proves adroit

First-round pick already showing kind of improvement Mets were hoping for

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

READING, Pa. — One of the many disappointing aspects of this Mets season has been the play of Marcus Semien, who has looked like, well, a 35-year-old second baseman on the decline.

One of the few encouraging aspects of the organization's farm system this season has been the play of a middle infielder who is beginning to show the Mets might already have an eventual replacement in the system.

A year removed from being their first-round pick, Mitch Voit has started to emerge as a terrific athlete who is proving himself up the middle defensively and with a bat that is taking steps.

Those steps led to Double-A Binghamton, which is where Voit was promoted Monday after a strong stretch with High-A Brooklyn.

Or at least those steps will eventually lead there, Voit's life packed up in his car because he reported to his new affiliate during a road trip.

"I love where I'm at right now," the organization's No. 5 prospect said Thursday afternoon before hitting leadoff for Binghamton against the Phillies affiliate, about 50 miles outside Philadelphia. "Obviously, coming into pro ball, you don't really know what the whole scale of it is, right? And so you're learning as you go.

"To be in Binghamton, to be a part of this team right now, it's a really fortunate situation for me."

Voit has learned as he has gone, a process that he referred to as "trimming off all the fat of my game." His game was impressive at Michigan, where he initially was a two-way player — yes, he has talked with similar college athletes Nolan McLean and Carson Benge and grew close with Benge while spending time together at last fall's Mets strength camp — until 2024 elbow surgery prompted him to become solely an infielder and hitter in his junior year, when he took off and elevated himself into the 38th overall pick.

The Mets knew Voit, whose fastball was in the low 90s, would have the arm to move around the infield. They had seen him excel defensively at second base at Michigan, which is where he probably projects best at the next level.

But they have been thrilled to see Voit has held his own at shortstop, which is where he primarily is playing this season as the organization tests his versatility and ability to play the more premier position.

"I never doubted that I could play it," said Voit, who had not played the position before and cited his footwork around the bag as a lesson to learn. "Where I'm at right now, feeling basically like an everyday shortstop — I feel completely comfortable."

His athleticism was never in question. Voit leads the organization in stolen bases (he swiped his 37th bag in Thursday's first inning, then advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on a balk). The 21-year-old has a filled-up toolbox, essentially able to do everything at Michigan.

The biggest challenge when turning pro, though, is adjusting to minor league pitching. Voit did not hit much in 22 games with Low-A St. Lucie after the draft last year. He reported to Brooklyn this season and held a .219 average and .697 OPS through May.

Not used to these struggles, Voit underwent "definitely an approach switch," he said, and ripped off the kind of June that the Mets had been waiting for, hitting .305 with three homers, five doubles and a .901 OPS, which along with a strong July launched him up a level.

"I don't want to give away the secret sauce so that the pitchers figure it out," Voit said with a smile, though he did allow that he opened up his stance beginning in late May. "Just a little tweak in my approach in the box, and I just felt a lot more comfortable."

Also helping has been an uptick in bat speed, an area the organization believed Voit had the ability to improve. They "attacked" his swing velocity, Voit said, and he will try to touch his top speed two or three times a week to see if he is losing, gaining or maintaining.

"I'd say that probably played a big role in me being able to maintain and increase throughout the season," said Voit, who also has become preoccupied with eating enough protein, sleeping and drinking enough water, controllables he believes are helping a body listed at 6 feet, 201 pounds grow stronger.

Voit is a professional and a smiler who knows how to make a strong first impression, as he did Wednesday in going 3-for-5 with a triple and two doubles in his Binghamton debut. He is far from a finished product, but he probably has time, considering the $46 million due Semien the next two years, which nearly guarantees the veteran will be around the Mets for at least next season.

Further down the system is shortstop Elian Peña, the No. 3 prospect who is performing in St. Lucie but just 18 years old. Maybe Brett Baty rebounds and eventually seizes second base. With the sell-off on the way, it is possible the Mets add further prospects who could become their second baseman of the future.

But in what has been a rough season for the major league team and organization, Voit is providing hope on both counts.

"I want to do the best I can every single day," the Wisconsin native said when asked to introduce himself to Mets fans who don't know much about him. "That's what I come here to do. I'm going to give it everything I got while I'm here.

"Then I'm going to go home. I'm going to drink my water. I'm going to eat my protein. I'm going to get ready to do it again the next day."

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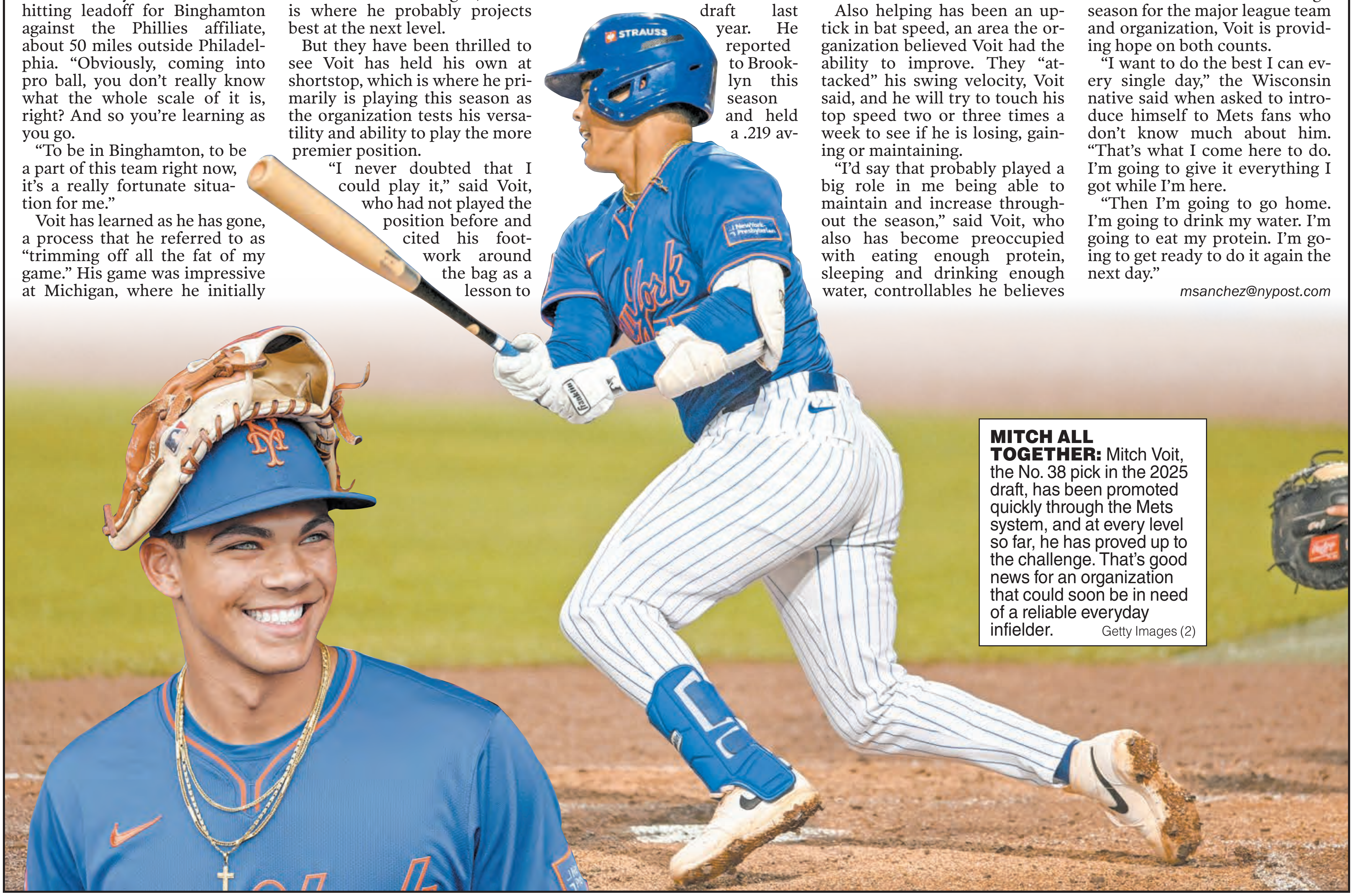

MITCH ALL TOGETHER: Mitch Voit, the No. 38 pick in the 2025 draft, has been promoted quickly through the Mets system, and at every level so far, he has proved up to the challenge. That's good news for an organization that could soon be in need of a reliable everyday infielder. Getty Images (2)

BAD HAND IN VEGAS

‘D’ dooms Liberty vs. Aces as Stewart’s support goes bust

Wilson
LIBERTY
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NO CAN STEW’: Liberty star Breanna Stewart puts up a shot against the Aces’ Brianna Turner during Thursday night’s game against the defending champions in Las Vegas. Getty Images

By MADELINE KENNEY

LAS VEGAS — The Liberty had no business hanging around the Las Vegas Aces Thursday for as long as they did.

Nevertheless, a team without Breanna Stewart almost always has a fighting chance.

But in the end, Stewart couldn’t save the Liberty this time as New York fell 104-99 to the Aces.

There’s plenty of blame to go around.

ACES 104
LIBERTY 99

Boxscore Page 41

Sabrina Ionescu, who had 15 points, mostly disappeared in the second half.

Jonquel Jones didn’t have it, missing all but two of her 11 field goal attempts.

The bench had its moments, but was not nearly as productive as it was two nights ago in Los Angeles.

Stewart scored 11 of her team-high 26 points in the fourth. She also had 11 of the team’s 34 rebounds.

Guard Pauline Astier snapped out of her rookie funk, adding 19 points and four assists.

It was a three-point game with 17.9 seconds left when A’ja Wilson lost control of the ball, and it flew out of bounds.

Officials determined it was the Aces’ ball, despite the Liberty not touching it. New York couldn’t dispute the call after using its challenge earlier.

Asked about that sequence, Stewart acknowledged she saw what happened.

“So did A’ja,” Stewart said. “She was walking back to halfcourt.”

The Liberty’s winning streak ended at three games.

“We had a chance to win,” coach Chris DeMarco said. “We gave ourselves a chance and I’m really happy with the way the group fought back and we’re pretty resilient again.”

But defense continues to be a concern for the Liberty.

Aces star and league MVP front-runner A’ja Wilson scored a team-high 33 points. Jackie Young added 29 points and Chelsea Gray 16.

The Aces combined shot 51.6 percent from the field and went 13-for-28 (46.4 percent) from behind the arc.

“You can’t take everything away,” DeMarco said. “In general, we want to definitely protect the 3-point line but against this team especially, they’re very good in the paint. We know that they got hot a little bit and obviously we have to do a better job with our shot challenge.”

Six of the Liberty’s past seven games have been decided by five or fewer points.

Stewart said she believes there’s a positive from this stretch.

“Honestly today, we lost by five and there’s things that we could have done differently and there’s calls that could have gone our way, but the fact that we were fighting,” Stewart said. “We were in it for 40 minutes and it’s hard to have improvement off the loss, but I want to say this improvement because it’s like we didn’t have to dig ourselves out of the hole.

“We didn’t have to do all these things. ... We were playing basketball against a good team and they made more plays than us and sometimes that’s the way it goes and now we move on. We look forward to Saturday.”

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Trade for Morrow not likely

By MADELINE KENNEY

LAS VEGAS — With Sunday’s trade deadline drawing near, talks on a potential Liberty deal involving Sun forward Aneesah Morrow have cooled off, multiple sources told The Post.

The Liberty checked in on Morrow among other players several times in previous weeks. But the franchise is backing away from the table on Morrow.

The expansion Toronto Tempo are among the favorites to potentially land Morrow before the deadline, sources said.

The Liberty are one of the most interesting teams entering Sunday’s deadline. They have championship aspirations but currently rank seventh in the league standings with a 16-12 record.

The Liberty could use another athletic 3-and-D wing and additional frontcourt depth, especially with Satou Sabally sidelined indefinitely due to a concussion.

Betnijah Laney-Hamilton appears to be the likeliest outgoing trade candidate. She’s been involved in talks since the season began. Laney-Hamilton has tallied four consecutive healthy scratches and is set to be an unrestricted free agent next offseason.

It won’t be easy to pull off a midseason trade given the WNBA’s hard salary cap and increased salaries. The Liberty have just $129,904 in cap room before initiating a trade.

The Liberty own all their future draft picks, and there are plenty of other players on their roster who could be moved for the right price.

Historically, the Liberty haven’t been active at the trade deadline, despite having constant conversations across the league leading up to the date.

Morrow, the No. 7 pick of the 2025 draft, is averaging 11.1 points and nine rebounds in 19 games (eight starts) in her second season with Connecticut. She was sidelined in late June because of a left leg strain and also missed time this month for personal reasons and subsequent reconditioning.

Morrow recorded 21 points, four rebounds and four assists in Tuesday’s loss to the Mystics.

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♌ LEO
(July 24-Aug. 23)

Forces over which you have no control are pushing you in a new direction, but whether it is a good direction or a bad direction remains to be seen. Don't worry about it though because ultimately all roads lead to the same destination.

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

If you discover something interesting about a colleague today, something that could be embarrassing to them, keep it to yourself. There is no reason why anyone else needs to know — and it's not as if you don't have a few secrets of your own!

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

You will need a calm head and a cool heart to deal with a partnership issue today. If you let your emotions get the better of you the situation is likely to escalate from one of mild irritation to major annoyance. It's really not worth the bother.

♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You know what needs to be done but for some reason are reluctant to get on with it. Most likely you are fearful that someone whose approval you seek may not be happy with your efforts. They are more likely to be critical if you don't do anything!

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

There is a reason for everything that happens in life and if you keep that fact in mind today you will be less likely to get depressed by current events. Do your own thing, in your own way, in your own environment, and be happy with that.

♑ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

The way you look at the world today may be radically different to the way you looked at it yesterday but has your outlook really changed or is it an illusion? Saturn's retrograde phase means it may be the latter, so don't take anything too seriously.

♒ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You may not be in the mood to take care of practical matters today but you really must make the effort. If you leave small things undone now they will become big things over the weekend, eating into your precious leisure time.

♓ PISCES
(Feb. 20-March. 20)

It is inevitable that you will tread on someone's toes today, but so long as you smile and say "sorry" quickly they won't hold it against you. They can see you have a lot to do and that minor mishaps may be impossible to avoid. They're human too.

♈ ARIES
(March 21-April 20)

Something of value will come your way today or over the weekend, but with both Saturn and Neptune moving retrograde at the moment you may not see its benefits until later in the year. That's okay. It gives you something to look forward to.

♉ TAURUS
(April 21-May 21)

You may be decisive by nature but you can get confused when you have too many options. That could be a problem today, especially on the work front where several people will be trying to influence you. Shut their voices out of your mind.

♊ GEMINI
(May 22-June 21)

Daydreams can be fun but while Saturn is going through its retrograde phase they could also be dangerous if they tempt you to do something risky. Remind yourself often that just because you feel invincible does not mean you really are.

♋ CANCER
(June 22-July 23)

You know what your limits are but will be inclined to ignore them over the next 24 hours. That could work in your favor if the gods are kind, but it could also cause problems if events work against you. You don't HAVE to tempt fate.

BIRTHDAY FRIDAY

You will encounter a number of unusual ideas over the coming year, the kind of ideas you might normally dismiss out of hand, but for some reason they will attract you and get you thinking along more progressive, and maybe profitable, lines.

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Friday

Today: Warmer with sunshine and some clouds. High 80 to 86.

Tonight: Partly cloudy and humid. Low 66 to 72.

Saturday

Tomorrow: Humid with clouds and sun. High 82 to 88.

Tomorrow night: Humid with increasing clouds. Low 67 to 73.

Sunday

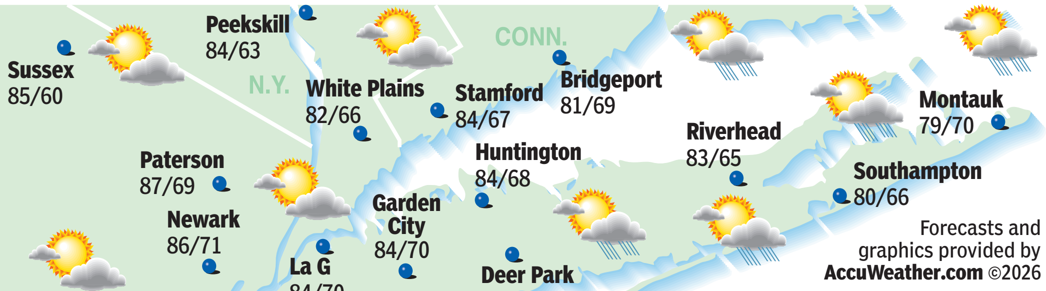
Humid. High 79 to 85.

Evening
A few showers. Low 67 to 73.

Monday

Showers/ t-storms. High 80 to 86.

Evening
Humid. Low 66 to 72.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Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **r**-rain, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today .... 5:51 a.m.
Sunset tonight .... 8:12 p.m.
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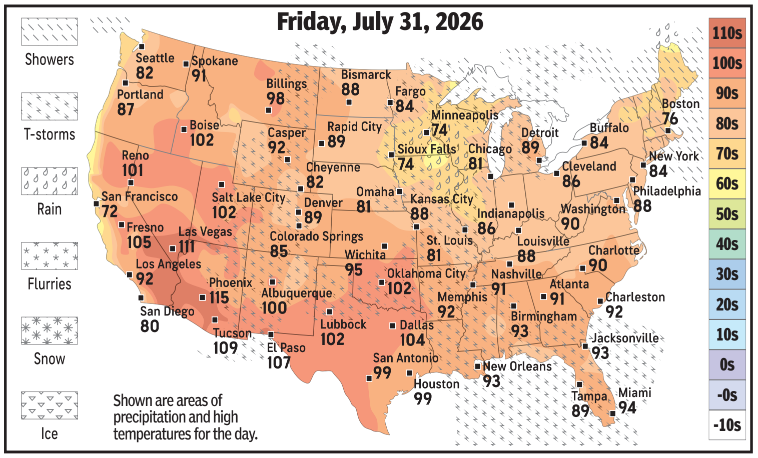
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Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

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YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature
High: 73, Low: 66, Mean: 70

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: -8 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.14", Month: 4.85",
Year: 22.67", Normal year to date: 28.13"

Cooling Degree days yesterday..................5
Total for the month (normal).......349 (380)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal)...........749 (688)
Last year to date....................................774
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 73
UV index (for Fri.) .... 9 (Very High)
Humidity (at noon) 81%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: Low Predominant pollen: Weeds, Grasses
AQI rating: (for Fri.).......................Moderate

New York Tides

High Tide for	TODAY 1st	TODAY 2nd	TOMORROW 1st	TOMORROW 2nd
Coney Island	9:38a	9:44p	10:14a	10:21p
Fire Island	9:37a	9:58p	10:17a	10:36p
Hempstead	12:49a	1:16p	1:24a	1:49p
Huntington	12:55a	1:22p	1:33a	1:58p
Jones Inlet	9:22a	9:28p	9:58a	10:05p
Montauk Point	11:11a	11:15p	11:53a	11:52p
Port Washington	12:48a	1:15p	1:22a	1:47p
Sandy Hook	9:42a	9:48p	10:18a	10:25p

Regional cities

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	81/63/pc	86/68/pc
Danbury	82/61/pc	85/69/pc
Glens Falls	81/59/pc	84/64/pc
Gr Barrington	80/57/pc	83/64/pc
Kingston	84/61/pc	87/67/pc
Liberty	81/58/pc	83/63/pc
Monticello	81/59/pc	83/63/pc
Newburgh	85/63/pc	86/68/pc
Poughkeepsie	82/59/pc	86/68/pc
Saratoga Springs	81/61/pc	85/66/pc
Stroudsburg	86/61/pc	86/67/pc
Torrington	81/61/pc	85/65/pc
Syracuse	84/63/pc	88/70/t

World cities

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	91/76/s	89/75/s
Baghdad	120/91/s	120/96/s
Beijing	92/80/sh	93/79/t
Berlin	88/66/pc	76/55/sh
Cairo	99/78/pc	102/79/pc
Dublin	67/48/pc	70/49/pc
Geneva	86/64/t	89/64/t
Hong Kong	85/79/t	84/78/t
Jerusalem	91/73/s	93/75/s
Kabul	89/68/pc	91/69/pc
London	79/56/s	79/58/pc
Madrid	100/71/s	100/70/s
Mexico City	78/55/r	78/56/r
Montreal	81/66/pc	82/70/t
Moscow	77/57/s	82/64/pc
Paris	85/63/pc	83/60/t
Rio de Janeiro	76/66/sh	78/65/s
Rome	95/71/s	94/72/s
Sydney	63/46/s	63/46/pc
Tokyo	97/80/sh	98/82/t

WORLD WAR

European soccer's governing body votes to boycott World Cup following privatization plan

MONEY HUNGRY: UEFA has not reacted well to FIFA president Gianni Infantino's plan for a Wall Street-style takeover of the World Cup. Getty Images

By JAMES FRANEY

UEFA, European soccer's 55-member governing body, has unanimously voted to boycott the World Cup and all other FIFA-organized competitions in protest of a $20 billion Wall Street-style takeover of the global game, the organization said Thursday.

The boycott of the major tournament, first reported by The Post, will see European nations withdraw from "all FIFA competitions" organized by the Zurich-based nonprofit.

"The World Cup cannot be treated as an investment product. It is one of football's greatest sporting legacies," UEFA said in a statement. "It has been built over generations by players, national teams and supporters across every continent. No part of it should ever be surrendered to private investors. The World Cup is not for sale."

Livid over President Donald Trump-loving FIFA President Gianni Infantino's aggressive moves to commercialize global soccer, insiders had told The Post that Europe's soccer bosses were "very confident" they would secure "a landslide majority" of "more than 50 countries" to vote against his plans.

It also means that the Czech Republic voted against the plan, despite the head of its soccer association initially indicating he supported the privatization idea.

"UEFA today drew a line in the sand and made it clear that they won't allow Infantino to undermine the legitimacy of football by bringing moneyed interests with no interest in the future of the game to extract from it," said one insider close to European soccer's governing body. "The public can only hope other confederations follow suit."

UEFA's move will now plunge FIFA into the darkest crisis of its 122-year history.

A boycott means the 2030 World Cup goes on without global powerhouses like England, France, Spain and Germany. European nations have won every World Cup but one since 2006.

Without the continent's biggest stars and deepest television markets, the World Cup is effectively crippled, meaning Infantino's multibillion-dollar pitch to Wall Street could be dead on arrival.

The boycott would include the men's and women's World Cups, youth championships, and the expanded Club World Cup, a global playoff between the top franchises from each continent.

However, European teams would continue playing in regional tournaments completely controlled by UEFA, such as the money-spinning Champions League and the European Championship.

Infantino's controversial scheme aims to bundle the World Cup's massive broadcasting, ticketing and sponsorship rights into a new private subsidiary dubbed FIFA Forward Enterprise.

"He's struggling to keep it together," one source close to UEFA said of Infantino. "The one thing that's unifying about him is that everyone hates him. But he's so deluded is that he doesn't think that's true."

The move marks a stunning escalation in the sport's global civil war amid anger over a multibillion-dollar deal set to line the pockets of a private equity group close to Trump's in-laws, the Kushner family.

Infantino's private equity plan, in which U.S. banking giant JPMorgan is playing an advisory role, still needs approval from FIFA's 211 member nations, including the United States.

If passed, Thrive Eternal — an American venture capital firm founded by Joshua Kushner, brother of Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner — is expected to lead the investor group and snap up a 20 percent stake for just over $4.2 billion.

Reps for UEFA and FIFA did not respond to The Post's initial request for comment. Thrive Capital and JPMorgan declined to comment.

Infantino has struck up a close relationship with the current commander-in-chief, even awarding him the inaugural FIFA Peace Prize after he failed to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

The boycott threat follows weeks of intense scrutiny over the relationship between the two men.

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FIFA appears ready to dig in its heels and fight

By ETHAN SEARS

After UEFA threatened Thursday to boycott the World Cup over FIFA's private equity proposal, FIFA appears ready to stand and fight.

In a statement released late Thursday night — and early Friday morning in Europe — FIFA blamed the blowback over its plan to allow private investment into the World Cup on "erroneous reporting in the media" that disrupted its "planned consultation process" for member associations.

FIFA claims it would own and control FIFA Forward Enterprise, the company that would be spun off to private equity, and that each of its member associations would receive $20 million of development funding over the next four years should the proposal pass. At no point did the statement indicate that FIFA president Gianni Infantino, whose own position has been speculated to be at risk, might back down from the idea.

"Nobody is selling football," the statement read in part. "This is not something FIFA would ever entertain."

CONCACAF and the AFC, organizations representing North and Central American football associations and Asian football associations, respectively, both released statements indicating opposition to the plan. While those stopped short of threatening boycotts, UEFA — the 55 European associations — did threaten to withhold its teams from competition.

Should things get that far, the most immediate effects would be felt in the women's game.

The Women's World Cup next summer in Brazil is the next senior FIFA competition, with three of the top four sides in FIFA's rankings — England, Germany and defending champion Spain — based in Europe.

On the men's side, the absence of countries like current champion Spain, France and England, as well as the superstars who play for them, would dent both the sporting and commercial legitimacy of a World Cup. Not to mention that Spain and Portugal are two of the three primary hosts for the 2030 World Cup, along with Morocco.

More immediately pressing, though certainly not as big a competition, is that the women's under-20 World Cup is set to begin in Poland on Sept. 5. If the issue remains unresolved, Poland — as a UEFA member — would certainly be unable to host, potentially resulting in the tournament's cancellation.

For those reasons, UEFA's stance earlier Thursday appeared to kill FIFA's proposal. Forging ahead anyway suggests Infantino believes the threat is hollow and cracks exist in the opposition coalition.

"No single entity can claim to represent all 211 [member associations] around the world," FIFA's statement said. "Each MA should be allowed to review the proposal and have a say in shaping their own future."

This is now a matter of brinkmanship.

I HEAR YA: The United States' Dino Klapija celebrates a goal during the CONCACAF U-20 championship against El Salvador on Tuesday. Shutterstock

Toeing the line

CONCACAF stops short of calling for boycott of WC

By ETHAN SEARS

The question of whether Gianni Infantino can sell off part of the World Cup to private equity has now morphed into a question of his own survival as FIFA's president.

After 96 nations in total voiced their objection to Infantino's proposal Thursday, with the 55 members of UEFA going as far as threatening to boycott the World Cup, the proposal itself seems dead in the water while the furor around Infantino is very much alive.

CONCACAF, the governing body representing North and Central American football associations as well as the Caribbean, released a statement Thursday afternoon saying all 41 of its members reject Infantino's proposal, though it did not threaten a boycott.

"During a meeting, the membership expressed deep concern about the lack of due process surrounding the proposal, the artificially short deadline imposed and the absence of any review or approval by the relevant FIFA governance bodies," CONCACAF's statement read in part. "In addition, the need for private equity investment to fund new and existing FIFA Forward programs following the most profitable FIFA World Cup in history was questioned."

Late Wednesday, the Asian Football Confederation issued a statement calling the Infantino proposal "unacceptable," according to The Independent's Miguel Delaney.

U.S. Soccer, a member of CONCACAF, tweeted that it "stands with CONCACAF and its members," while refraining from further comment.

Infantino's plan, revealed in a bombshell report by the Times of London earlier this week, would see a company named FIFA Forward Enterprise spun out of FIFA — which has nonprofit status in Switzerland — and sold to private equity. Infantino said in a letter to football associations that a decision must be made by Sept. 19, and that a $10 billion package would become available should they vote yes, as opposed to $2.7 billion if not.

The proposal has sparked incredible backlash from European nations in particular, who view it as an imposition of capitalism and corruption into the sport that will hurt fans and players while benefiting shareholders.

While a majority of FIFA's 211 voting nations have yet to come out against the plan — UEFA plus CONCACAF is only equal to 90, as six CONCACAF countries are not FIFA members — the reaction combined with the boycott threat seems enough to sink the plan. A World Cup without any European nations in it appears untenable.

The drama now is just as much in whether a credible alternative to Infantino, who was set to stand unopposed for reelection as FIFA's president in 2031, might emerge.

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HEAVY-HANDED

Rempe driven to earn place after injury-marred campaign

By MOLLIE WALKER

The most important part of Matt Rempe's offseason was getting his hand right.

After undergoing two surgeries to repair a broken thumb last season — and attempting to return to the ice too soon in between — Rempe spent the summer regaining the full function of his hand and strengthening it.

While he worked on his skating skills as well, the primary focus had to be on his hand following a tumultuous recovery that diminished Rempe's game and sidelined him for a majority of last season.

At a critical time in his development, the 6-foot-9 forward was put on pause in 2025-26.

Now, some of his former Wolf Pack teammates will be going toe-to-toe with him in training camp for a spot in the Rangers bottom six.

Nothing is guaranteed for Rempe going forward. He's about to enter the last year of his contract.

As swiftly as his NHL notoriety came, his NHL chance could dissipate.

"Extremely motivated," Rempe said Thursday before the Shoulder Check Showcase event at Martire Family Arena on Sacred Heart University's campus. "I played nine games, and after that, I was shelved. I got a lot to prove. I got to showcase myself and come back a lot stronger. Most motivated you can be."

Asked if his hand was feeling 100 percent, Rempe said there was "still a little work to be done."

His timeline certainly was extended by a premature return to the lineup in December, when Rempe said he still was unable to grip his stick properly. Rempe admitted he has to be more honest about how his injuries are feeling, noting the whole process was a learning experience for him.

"Still some time until the season," he said. "We're in a really good spot."

Since Rempe is no longer waiver-exempt, the Rangers may prioritize keeping the 24-year-old on the roster out of training camp to avoid losing him for nothing. If, say, Jaroslav Chmelar skates circles around him in preseason, however, it might be a risk the organization has to take.

Rempe plays a niche role that proved to be empowering for the 2023-24 team that reached the Eastern Conference Final. Though it's been some time since the Rangers worked with that true enforcer element, and it's unclear how he can be maximized in head coach Mike Sullivan's system.

Sullivan was impressed by Rempe early on, but the Calgary native's time away from the ice has allowed for other prospects to emerge and capture the veteran coach's attention.

The part of Rempe's game that enticed Sullivan the most was his ability to create momentum.

It's true, Rempe can influence the energy of a game with one hit or one punch. His physicality is something not only the team can feed off but the fans inside Madison Square Garden.

Alas, Rempemania came at a time when Big No. 73 still was adjusting to the NHL game.

Players always say it's a lot harder to stay in the NHL than it is to break in.

Last season's thumb injury may have caused Rempe to fall behind, but coming to training camp with a more complete game could be the difference for him.

"I think we got to come back with vengeance," he said of the Rangers as a whole. "Two tough seasons and knowing that's not what we want to be like at all. We got to come back way stronger."

Whether or not Rempe is part of that "we" is yet to be seen.

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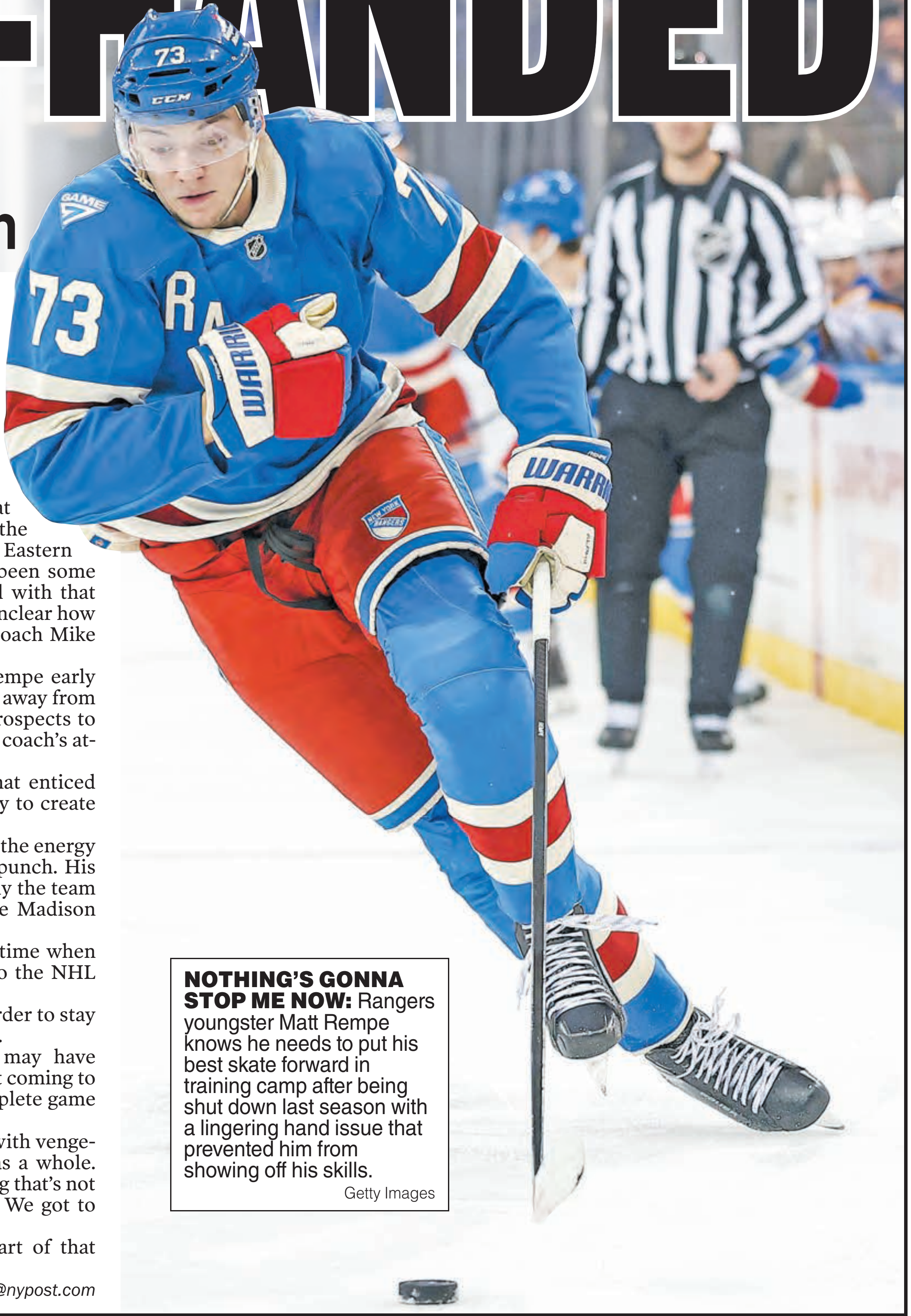

NOTHING'S GONNA STOP ME NOW: Rangers youngster Matt Rempe knows he needs to put his best skate forward in training camp after being shut down last season with a lingering hand issue that prevented him from showing off his skills.

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Packers great Green reveals he has early onset Parkinson's

By SPENCER BROD

Former Packers running back Ahman Green said Wednesday he's been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

The 49-year-old, who is the Packers' all-time rushing leader, announced the news on the "Go Long" podcast with Tyler Dunne while discussing his post-playing career and healthy lifestyle efforts.

"Last year, I got diagnosed with early onset Parkinson's," Green said. "I had a little bit of the feet twitching when I'm in my sleep and stuff like that.

"I knew something was going on long before that. I just got a hold of some doctors that I was able to get in contact with. Get the diagnostics, get the testing. And finally got it tested last — it was January of 2025."

Though Green has had the disease for 18 months, he chose to keep the news within his inner circle.

"I didn't share it for a long time because I wanted to let my kids know, my family," Green said. "I let them all know first before I told friends, family, somebody like yourself."

To combat symptoms of Parkinson's, Green said he's focused on exercising, eating healthy and taking medication.

He added he also was experiencing short-term memory loss, and walking and talking in his sleep. Green said his wife told him he's been twitching in his sleep since shortly after he retired in 2009.

Still, Green remains optimistic about his outlook and advocates for awareness and early diagnosis of the disease.

"It needs to be up front," Green said. "It needs to be a topic that's always hit. And it's not the end all.

"To me, I have a jump ahead of it. Just like anybody discovering that they have some type of cancer in their body, I'm ahead of it right now."

Across eight seasons with the Packers, Green had 1,000-plus rushing yards six times, including a career-high 1,883 in 2003. The four-time Pro Bowler also spent time with the Seahawks and Texans.

Green finished his 12-year career with 9,205 yards rushing and 60 touchdowns.

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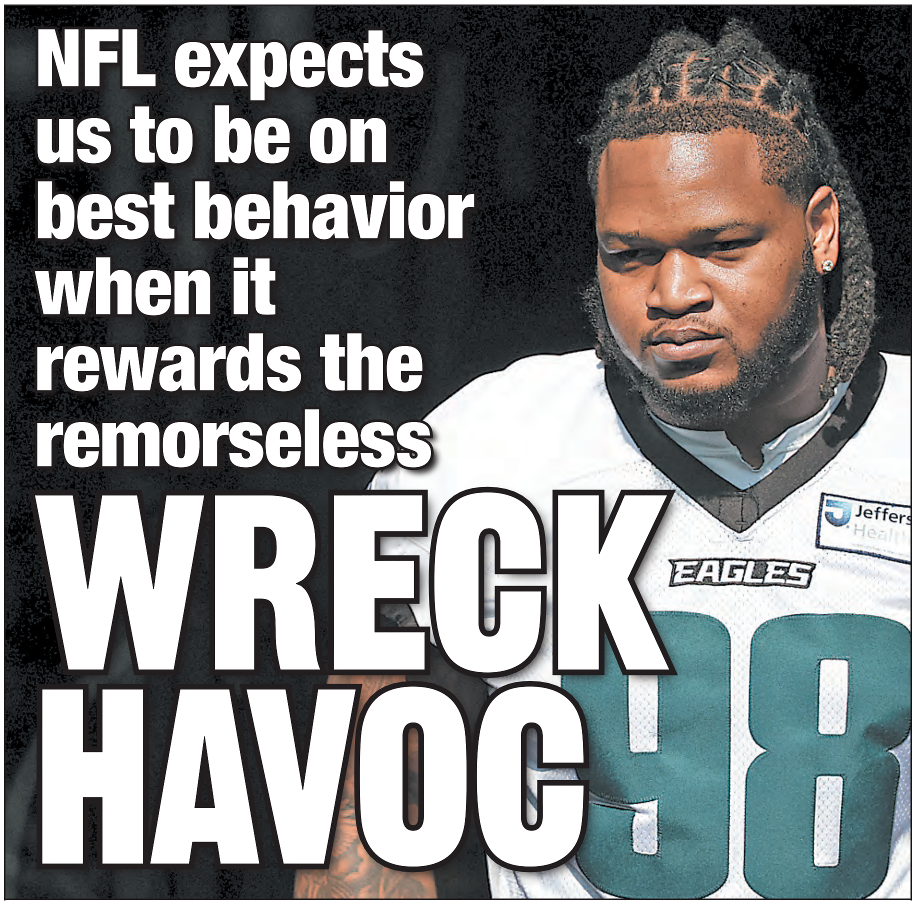

'IT TAKES ALL OF US': That's one of the NFL's slogans for social justice. There doesn't seem to be much justice when Jalen Carter is sentenced to 80 hours of community service after killing two in a car wreck and later signs the largest contract for a defensive lineman in NFL history with the Eagles.

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THIS WEEK the Eagles made Jalen Carter the highest-paid defensive lineman in NFL history. His new deal, details not yet fully known, will be enormous, the latest insanity.

But we do know that it includes a *guaranteed* $106 million, more money to play five months of football rather than, oh, funding treatment of victims and surviving families of reckless driving.

And yet, based on recent history — at 25, the only history Carter owns — I seriously doubt, no matter how much end-zone messaging Roger Goodell's NFL blames *us* for antisocial behavior, that any right-minded, law-abiding citizen would allow Carter into their home.

And if Carter were sentenced to hours of vague "community service," I suspect that clear-thinking residents would hope that he would not serve their community.

In 2023, en route to his first-round selection in the NFL draft, Carter left the University of Georgia football program, nationally known to produce reckless young drivers of vehicles from dubious donors and donations.

Then, in what police and witnesses described as a "road racing" episode, he was involved in a wreck — not "an accident" — that left the occupants of the other car, driven by female football staff member Chandler LeCroy, 24, and Carter's UGA teammate and starting lineman Devin Willock, 20, dead.

According to the complaint filed in Georgia state court, Carter did not stop his vehicle to assist the victims of the wreck or to call for help as he was more concerned for himself.

Carter would eventually plead to a misdemeanor, as if he'd swiped a bag of Cheetos, and was sentenced to 80 hours of community service — doing what, where and for whom? — then proceeded to seek his draft day bear hug from Goodell.

Six seconds into the 2025 season, he was ejected and fined for spitting on Cowboys QB Dak Prescott. Cowboys-Eagles games, from the parking lot, through the game and then back to the parking lot, are to be avoided by those who don't carry bail money or hollow-tip bullets.

And now, at 25, Carter is the highest-paid defensive lineman in NFL history.

How CB$ should deal with Romo

DON'T know how CBS plans to sanction **Tony Romo** for his DWI bust and reported lack of cooperation with police, but perhaps a pay cut of $1 million to $17 million per season is in order.

➤ Under **Rob Manfred**'s TV money-addicted ruin, there are now more early Wednesday afternoon MLB games than early Saturday afternoon games.

➤ Angels shortstop **Zach Neto**, identified by NBC as a "breakthrough star," is a thoroughly modern leadoff batter. He has hit 19 HRs, is batting .232 and has struck out 150 times. Another home run or whiff guy. You can get them on the cheap, say $40 million a year.

➤ Would it be out of line if I were to suggest that Giants' headfirst battering ram **Cam Skattebo** is very eager to be seen as a self-destructive dimwit?

➤ In his third PGA start, 21-year-old **Jackson Koivun** won by three over **Scottie Scheffler** on Sunday. The kid was spectacular. I fully expect stardom. But such can be said about many others who now give lessons at country clubs and practice ranges.

➤ Has there ever been an MVP runner-up who the next season went totally bust like the Mariners' **Cal Raleigh**?

➤ Wonder if **John Harbaugh** has watched the tapes to see Giants "edge rusher" **Kayvon Thibodeaux** take so many games off while playing in them. Even Fox's light-stepping **Moose Johnston** was moved to ask aloud why Thibodeaux is a participating nonparticipant.

➤ **Rick Pitino** and St. John's have signed a 10-foot giraffe from Zimbabwe who answers to the name Kennth in Swahili. He recently played for the Serengeti Poachers in the Unprotected Species finals. Scouts tell us Kennth has to work on his lateral movement.

➤ That's all for today. See ya at the prom!

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YES' Kay exposes himself with phony praise of Bill White

THE CON artists never cease.

Saturday on YES, a photo montage appeared of **Bill White** as he was being honored that day with the Buck O'Neil Award in Cooperstown.

Michael Kay might have said "Congratulations to Bill" and left it at that, but he had to apply his phony, easy noble signature, with "The award was long overdue."

Really, Michael? Really? Had that been the case, where was his advocacy for White to have won the O'Neil Award during his hundreds of hours on YES, rain delays included, and within his radio shows?

And if the award "was long overdue," whom would Kay have eliminated to replace with White? Who, Michael, was *less deserving* than Bill White?

➤ Speaking of long overdue, **Bob Costas**' impassioned, fact-filled essay on behalf of **Don Mattingly**'s continued denial of being selected for the Hall of Fame was both excellent and provided a brief respite from NBC's systemic Sunday night baseball insanity.

NBC had done it again! Phils-Yanks, a national telecast, was beaten to death by NBC's own thoughtless excesses.

One day, I suspect, we'll hear how **Joe Girardi**, during one of his managerial gigs, made a call to the bullpen and the bullpen coach dozed off before Girardi finished.

Why NBC would choose him to help destroy Sunday night's Phils-Yanks with his relentless talk is a case of sustained cruelty to those who just want to watch a bleepin' baseball game!

That play-by-play man **Jason Benetti** would actually ask Girardi questions to further his dreary filibusters was a violation of the Geneva Convention designed to protect POWs from cruel and unusual abuse!

Then there was gratuitous additive **Joey Votto**, stationed field-side for no useful reason, chiming in to add nothing except more phony laughter. He was there to dump more refuse atop NBC's "Look what we can do!" landfill.

Among the four in or near the booth the only winner was **Jon Kruk**, a winner because he spoke the least.

➤ Video heads-up: Had you not known better, it was a stunt ride right out of "The Lone Ranger." Saturday at Saratoga noted jockey **Flavien Prat** was crossing the finish line, first, when he suddenly began to fall from his saddle on his right side.

Prat then reached out to hang on to the horse finishing second, thus breaking his fall — and saving him from who knows what — before soft landing on the track.

Incredible stuff. Check it out.

Incidentally, Prat dusted himself off, then won the next race.

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PEDAL TO THE METAL

Hype surrounding Jets rookie Bailey is deserved

TRAINING DAY

JUST FOR KICKS

The battle between two ex-Giants to be the Jets' cyclical Kicker of the Year is off to a competitive start: **Cade York** was 6-for-6 and **Jason Sanders** was 5-for-6. Both kickers attempted from 34, 36, 39, 42, 45 and 48 yards, with the only miss on Sanders' longest attempt.

WHOOPS

Breece Hall fumbled at the end of a long run when he spun away from **David Bailey**, who was in the backfield a lot with three unofficial "sacks." The ball rolled out of bounds and Hall subbed out the next rep for **Braelon Allen**, though it's not clear if that was punitive or a rotation.

CAUGHT MY EYE

Cade Klubnik's ball placement was sharp, including a tight spiral over the unturned head of **Kiko Mauigoa** for a completion in traffic to **Arian Smith**. **Jamaal Pritchett** made a leaping catch on a ball thrown away from the defender. Klubnik was 6-for-7 in team drills and 3-for-4 in 7-on-7. "He made some throws today, didn't he?" head coach **Aaron Glenn** said.

INJURY REPORT

WRs **Gee Scott Jr.** (calf) and **Jalen Walthall** (hamstring) left practice with injuries. Walthall was later waived with an injury designation and replaced by WR **Quentin Skinner**, who was with the Jets last preseason. CB **D'Angelo Ponds** (strained calf) missed his second straight practice.

— Ryan Dunleavy

Brian Costello

THE FIRST few days of training camp often bring heavy overreactions. Football fans are starved for news, any news and the play-by-play tweets and reports hit like a drug to end that football withdrawal. Players look great. Coaches have made changes. The roster is better here, there and everywhere.

Normally, I say pump the brakes.

But here's one for you Jets fans: Hit the accelerator pedal on the David Bailey hype train.

We can give you all the caveats: It's early. They don't have pads on yet. It's not even August.

Forget it, Bailey looks like he belongs.

The man the Jets drafted No. 2 overall in April's NFL Draft has been everywhere during the first two days of training camp. If you dropped in from outer space and landed in Florham Park on Thursday, it would not have taken you long to figure out who looked like the best player on the field. The man wearing the No. 31 jersey was in the backfield, blowing up plays.

There are no real sacks in training camp. Quarterbacks wear red jerseys and are not allowed to be touched. Geno Smith can be thankful for that. Bailey would have sacked him three times if he were allowed to tackle him.

"He's everything that we expect him to be," Jets coach Aaron Glenn said. "It will be really exciting once we get the pads on. … Just to be able to see the energy and the speed and the quickness off the edge and the ability to hold a strong edge and the way that he wants to play the run game, it's everything that I imagined from that player."

Bailey's speed is obvious. He looks like he is playing in fast forward. But he is not just relying on speed. On one sack Thursday, he overpowered right tackle Armand Membou and then split a double-team between Membou and running back Breece Hall to get to Smith.

Right guard Joe Tippmann was asked what the tackles have said about Bailey.

"He's a pain in the ass," Tippmann said with a smile.

The Jets sure hope opponents are saying that about Bailey and all of their rookies soon. The 2026 Jets have more riding on their rookie class than any other recent Jets team I can remember. It's always a bit different when you have a first-round quarterback. That is a different kind of pressure. The Jets don't have that (wait till next year). But what they have is four players they will be counting on to excel as rookies in Bailey as well as fellow first-round picks Kenyon Sadiq and Omar Cooper Jr. and second-round pick D'Angelo Ponds.

It would be a surprise if those four were not major contributors this season. All should have starting jobs or at least be a heavy part of a rotation. How they perform could influence the way this Jets season is viewed for the team and for Glenn.

This is a tricky spot for Glenn. Everything about the Jets organization feels geared toward 2027 at this time. General manager Darren Mougey has put the team in position to accelerate the rebuild with three first-round picks and a boatload of salary cap space. The one piece that feels like he's on a different timeline is Glenn.

Jets fans, and likely owner Woody Johnson, are not going to give Glenn a pass this season after a 3-14 record in his first year on the job.

So, how does Glenn save his job?

Many people are focused on a win total, but to me this is going to be more about how things look at the end of the season. Is the arrow pointing up? The rookies, led by Bailey, are a big, big part of that.

Does Bailey have a double-digit sack season? That would be a huge plus for Glenn, who is taking over play-calling duties on defense.

Sadiq is listed as a tight end, but it is clear the Jets view him as a weapon. He had a nice practice Thursday, too. Does Frank Reich get the most out of Sadiq and can Cooper move into a complementary role with Garrett Wilson? That might cause Johnson to resist blowing things up and opt for continuity.

If the Jets go 7-10 but everyone feels good about the young core entering 2027, when the team is armed with those three first-round picks, it will bode well for Glenn.

Bailey's performance on the practice field Thursday was enough to make you think it's possible.

It's only July. They are not wearing pads. Who cares? Dare to dream, Jets fans. I'd bet you Aaron Glenn already is.

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Wilson gets some WR help

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

LEND A HAND: Omar Cooper Jr., along with Adonai Mitchell, is expected to take some of the load off Garrett Wilson in the passing game this year. AP

Here is a list of the No. 2 and No. 3 receivers who have come and gone as complements to Garrett Wilson during his standout Jets career: Corey Davis, Elijah Moore, Denzel Mims, Allen Lazard, Xavier Gipson, Davante Adams, Mike Williams and John Metchie.

Defensive coordinators are not exactly trembling.

Except for the Hall of Fame-bound Adams — a friction-causing, 11-game, Hail-Mary rental to appease Aaron Rodgers in 2024 — none of the others had more than 536 yards in a season despite the extra coverage drawn to Wilson. And none had more than 1,028 in their Jets careers, which points to the year-to-year revolving door in the receiver corps.

Adonai [AD] Mitchell, who seemed to finally find his NFL footing after a November trade from the Colts, and rookie Omar Cooper Jr. are hoping to be Wilson's long-term running mates.

"I'm very dynamic with the ball after the catch," Cooper said. "I've been learning from Garrett and AD, so that's also making my game better. AD is a very fast guy, tough, can run routes. It makes it easier for Garrett — he won't have too much of the attention. We have to continue to put the work in and grow. When the season comes, we'll see how it really looks."

Receiver has proven in recent years to be a relatively easy position for top talents to make the college-to-pro transition. The Rams' Puka Nacua set the rookie receiving yardage record (1,486) in 2023, four receivers topped 1,000 yards in 2024 and the Panthers' Tetairoa McMillan in 2025 became the third receiver in the last five years — including Wilson – to win Offensive Rookie of the Year.

Cooper was a first-round draft pick after leading the Big Ten with 21.2 yards per catch in 2024 and catching 13 touchdowns last season from No. 1 overall pick Fernando Mendoza. He grew up as a fan of Wilson's at Ohio State.

"It all depends on the offensive coordinator and the players around you," Cooper said. "If you are in the right scheme and the coach likes what you can do, he's going to put you in the best place to be productive. As of right now, what we've been doing, I feel like Coach Frank [Reich] is putting me in the right positions, and I feel like that's what helps you have a productive rookie season."

After three straight 1,000-yard seasons to begin his career, Wilson led the Jets last season with 395 yards — the lowest team-high total in the NFL since the 1992 Rams — despite his final catch coming Oct. 12. He missed 10 of the last 11 games, so he is new to playing with both Mitchell (24 catches for 301 yards and two touchdowns in eight games post-trade) and Cooper.

"It really opens us up to any time you want to try to double Garrett," head coach Aaron Glenn said. "I'm happy exactly where we're at on a talent level when it comes to the offense. I know Garrett is. So, we just have to continue to improve every day, that once you get that one-on-one [matchup], you have to win it. Our guys know that, and I expect them to do that."

Mitchell and new quarterback Geno Smith connected twice during Thursday's practice, while Smith overthrew Cooper down the field on what might have been a route miscommunication.

"AD, it's just a ticking time bomb with him," Wilson said. "Last year, to come in halfway through the season and pick up the offense and have some success and make plays down the field, that's no easy task. I thought he handled it really well. He made some plays that he's capable of, but based on when he got there, you might not ask of somebody. With this offseason and the OTAs he had, that boy can play."

The Jets stuck with their development plan and resisted the big free-agent investment — like Davis, Lazard and Williams — or the splashy trade like Adams in an offseason when their three AFC East rivals all made big changes at receiver and quality No. 2 receivers moved around the league. In years past, you might have heard the Jets mentioned as potential desperation landing spot for free agent Stefon Diggs or disgruntled Brandon Aiyuk.

Not right now.

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Reich willing to change with times

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

HE'S GOT THE LOOK: Jets rookie defensive end David Bailey has looked every bit the No. 2 pick in the draft early in camp. The Post's Brian Costello writes that pumping the brakes on the hype is not the right approach. Right guard Joe Tippmann called Bailey a "pain in the ass." Bill Kostroun

JETS NOTES

Frank Reich's first NFL pass was thrown during a game in which Mark Gastineau and Joe Klecko had sacks and Wesley Walker caught a 96-yard touchdown pass from Ken O'Brien.

So, yes, Reich has 40 years of NFL knowledge, but that doesn't mean the Jets offense he is coordinating will be pulled from 1985. Or even from 2023, when he last called plays as head coach of the Panthers.

"I think he's a guy that's always adapting," right guard Joe Tippmann said. "He's not just watching film from the 2000s. He is up to date, doing studies on recent years, studies on trends in the league, where he thinks the league's going to go. You sit in a meeting and I just get excited about where he's going to take us as an offense."

Some of Reich's creativity has been on display during the first two practices of camp, finding nontraditional ways to feed the ball to playmakers.

The Jets hired Reich to inject life into an offense that ranked bottom four in the NFL in scoring in three of the last four seasons after his one-year stint as Stanford's interim head coach — a favor to Stanford football general manager Andrew Luck — last season. He and Glenn were former Jets teammates.

"We've always just talked football and just hearing what his philosophy is, I would think, 'I feel the same way,' " Glenn said. "It's been good. I'm glad he's here."

➤ The Jets expressed interest in CB **Terrion Arnold**, who was cut by the Lions in June after he was arrested and charged with felony armed robbery and kidnapping. Glenn was the Lions defensive coordinator when Arnold was a 2024 first-round pick.

Glenn compared it to when the Jets brought in free agent quarterback Russell Wilson to visit and offered him a contract as a backup quarterback — before Wilson retired.

"We're always looking at guys that we feel like could help us," Glenn said.

➤ The Jets are off Friday — after just two practices — and again Sunday before getting into pads Monday for the first time.

Why the unusual schedule?

Glenn said he maximizes practice reps at 24 in the first week of camp, followed by a decrease and recovery. Then an increase to a max of 32 in the second week followed by a decrease and recovery. And then up to a max of 40 in the third week followed by ... you guessed it ... a decrease and recovery.

MAN OF THE HOUR: New Giants coach John Harbaugh (right) chats with team owner John Mara, who paid a visit to camp Thursday. Mara has been battling cancer. Corey Sipkin

LEAGUE OF HIS OWN

Harbaugh: 'That's our leader' as Mara visits Big Blue camp

By STEVE SERBY

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — The wonderful sight of John Mara, progressing in his cancer battle, watching his Giants practice on Day 2 of training camp and interacting with John Harbaugh's players, was inspiring for the revered owner's new $100 million head coach.

"I think when you talk about the New York Giants, you talk about their legacy, you're talking about the ownership line," Harbaugh told The Post. "John Mara, he's been doing this for how long? Many, many years, and not just since he's been in that position in terms of running the organization.

"But his whole life. His whole life has been the New York Giants. He grew up with it. It's in his DNA. It's in his blood. I know how that is because my dad [Jack is] a coach. You live it when you're 3, 4, 5 years old right on through every single day. And he's that kind of a guy, he's a football man. He's been around it since he can remember, and you can see it, the wisdom and the judgment, the decision-making and all that."

Mara, clad in white, standing on the side at the start of practice, was impossible for anyone affiliated with the Giants to miss.

"That's our leader," Harbaugh said. "Our leader was here, and he was in good spirits. He was funny. He talked to the guys, a bunch of players wanted to get a picture with him. That's pretty cool."

Asked what Mara, who saw the best of Lawrence Taylor and Michael Strahan, told the players, Harbaugh smiled and said, "He was kind of busting their chops about pass rush. He had the pass rushers out there just giving them a hard time a little bit at the end of practice."

Harbaugh was asked if he is heartened and encouraged by how bravely the 71-year-old Mara is fighting the fight.

"Yeah, very encouraging," he said. "I'm very much optimistic and excited for him. Every time I've seen him he's been like that.

"He seems to be doing great. He looks good. For me, he's a legendary figure in this league. And for him to be out there, it's great."

John Mara deserves a team as tough and resilient as he is, and a head coach who can deliver one for him and the fanbase.

Players earning patches

By PAUL SCHWARTZ

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — John Harbaugh brought a uniform fashion statement from Baltimore to the Giants.

Special patches on the left side of their jerseys are being worn by players who earned certain accolades or milestones. This is a tradition Harbaugh started in 2008, his first year as the head coach of the Ravens.

"They are kind of an honoring of the military award medal type things," Harbaugh said Thursday after practice.

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Left tackle Andrew Thomas sported two different logos on his white rectangular patch. There is one sword, referencing his one playoff appearance with the Giants. There is a muscular arm holding a Giants hammer and a red star, signifying Thomas' attendance at the spring workout program.

"Then there's other things you'll see as we go, once we get the games going," Harbaugh said, mentioning that Pro Bowl appearances and "different kinds of game awards" will eventually be represented in the patches.

➤ **Jaxson Dart** completed his first 10 passes in the team periods Wednesday as the offense dominated on Day 1. This was not the case for the second practice of training camp, as the completions were more difficult to attain and the pressure up front was ramped up on defense. ... After a quiet first day, WR **Darnell Mooney** hauled in a deep floater from Dart for a touchdown. ... A hard count by Dart got RT **Jermaine Eluemunor** to jump offside, much to the delight of OLB **Brian Burns**, who did a little dance in the backfield. ... Rookie **Dominic Zvada** hit a 57-yard field goal on the final play of practice.

➤ Safety **Jevón Holland** was born in British Columbia, Canada, and went to college at Oregon, meaning he appreciates all the greenery from the Allegheny Mountains surrounding the practice fields at The Greenbrier Sports Performance Center.

"It's fun," he said. "I like being near trees and whatnot. Trees are my friend. I love it. So, I'm enjoying the atmosphere."

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NO DOUBTING THOMAS

Giants star left tackle out to show defenses nothing can rattle him

By PAUL SCHWARTZ

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — Try all you want but good luck putting a dent into the psyche of Andrew Thomas.

Oh, Abdul Carter tried. He was a whirlwind during Thursday's training camp practice at the Sports Performance Center at The Greenbrier, bending and reaching and bursting, getting the better of Thomas, which is a rare feat. And Carter was letting Thomas and anyone else in the vicinity know all about it.

It might as well have gone in one ear and out the other. Thomas was, as usual, uninterested in engaging.

"That's all defenders," Thomas said, playfully dismissive of all the talk sent his way. "They make one play and they're the best. You do it a second time, you're All-Pro. I'm all about consistency. I love the competition. I don't have to say much. I just speak by how I play."

John Harbaugh, the new head coach, is still in the formative stages of getting to know these Giants players. At first, he surmised that Thomas and Carter "might talk a little bit at each other during practice." Then, after he was reminded that is not Thomas' way, Harbaugh corrected himself.

"I'd say probably you're right," he said. "Probably Abdul's talking more, and Andrew is just kind of looking at him."

The action on a crystal-clear, blue-sky afternoon was fast and furious. Thomas completely stuffed Carter on an inside rush, and on the next snap, Carter went wide and got past Thomas. Soon after, Carter was in the backfield, leaped and tipped away a Jaxson Dart swing pass.

Carter was relentless. He applied pressure and wanted the play blown dead for a sack, trying to get some satisfaction from Harbaugh. No dice. Harbaugh motioned for Carter to get back up to the line of scrimmage.

At one point, Carter was so amped up that he kept charging forward and ran into T.J. Weist, an assistant special teams coach who during practice is responsible for assessing when to blow a play dead or keep it alive.

A moment later, Carter — still lathered up — went to the sideline and shouted, "You can't f--k with me!"

These are all welcome developments for Carter, who as a rookie interspersed moments of great promise on the field with failings born out of immaturity. He had four sacks, 23 quarterback hits and seven tackles for loss in a debut season that also included getting fined and missing a start for lateness and other team violations.

As the No. 3 overall pick in the 2025 NFL Draft, the talent in Carter is undeniable. And Thomas — the savvy, veteran left tackle — sees it.

"He can work edges really well. Part of that is he's not a super tall rusher," Thomas said. "He's real low to the ground but he also has good change of direction so you can't just anticipate which way he's going to go."

Harbaugh liked what he saw from Carter in the first two practices and estimated "he's doing everything well right now." There is also the important element of who Carter is doing this against.

"He's going against a really good tackle too," Harbaugh said. "Those guys are making each other better. I just appreciate that kind of competition."

Thomas is back where he belongs after missing the entire 2025 training camp — and the first two games of the regular season — returning from Lisfranc foot surgery. When healthy, Thomas is one of the league's best left tackles.

"Well, Andrew, he's special," Harbaugh said. "He's a one-of-a-kind, elite football player. Elite left tackle in every way. He's in phenomenal shape. He's moving great. He has worked super, super hard. He's healthy. He's ready to roll and looks really good."

It is usually what you do not see with him that makes Thomas special. He does not dominate opposing pass rushers as much as he sort of eliminates them from the scene in an understated yet dominant manner. Thomas is not big on celebrations or post-play posturing. If he could wear a business suit and carry a briefcase onto the field, he would, considering the way he carries himself in games and in the team facility.

No one, not even Carter, is going to get under Thomas' skin. He said the only way he will retaliate on the field is if someone does "something cheap" to himself or a teammate. Otherwise, Thomas has an innate ability to tune out the noise.

"If we're just playing, you won't get me out of my character," he said. "It definitely frustrates them. Don't say anything back. They just get pissed, they start complaining to the ref about holding."

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TRAINING DAY

THIB'S TIPS

OLB **Kayvon Thibodeaux** had a tipped pass and near-interception on Day 1, and he made a splash play early on Day 2, anticipating a **Jameis Winston** pass on the left sideline for an interception that he probably would have taken to the house for a pick-6.

LET MY PEOPLE SHOW

There is nothing bad about the setup at The Greenbrier — it is easy to see why NFL teams like to train at this famous resort. The first day, fans were allowed to watch practice, with the bleachers about half full on the sideline and the end zone sparsely filled. Attendance was 1,100. It's quite a long trip from New Jersey.

CAUGHT MY EYE

Co-owner **John Mara** watched the start of practice standing behind one end zone, then sat on a golf cart. His late father, **Wellington Mara**, couldn't get enough of training camp — he loved it. John Mara is battling cancer, and he made the trip out here to be with his team.

INJURY REPORT

DT **Sam Roberts**, a 2022 sixth-round draft pick of the Patriots signed by the Giants as a free agent, continues to ramp up his work after coming off the physically unable to perform list. If healthy, Roberts should compete for a job along the defensive front. ... CB **Art Green** (muscle tightness) did not practice.

— Paul Schwartz

OBJ's battle against time

Steve Serby

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — The saddest, most painful endings happen where the old gladiator feels he has more to give.

Whatever Odell Beckham Jr. has left in his 33-year-old body, at least he will be able to walk away from the game he still loves with his head held high if sentimental reasons don't prove to be enough for John Harbaugh to keep him at Last Chance Saloon.

Beckham still dreams of winning a Super Bowl as a Giant, and we sure remember how he can reach for the unreachable star and come down with a football.

A much more immediate dream that is grounded in reality stands in his way:

Making the team where it all began for him 12 years ago and ended much too soon, with this fairy tale comeback try.

Harbaugh is rooting for Beckham.

The nostalgia crowd is rooting for him.

Father Time will be conspiring against him.

The last time we were truly reminded of Beckham's otherworldly gifts was in Super Bowl 56 with the Rams, when he caught a TD pass from Matthew Stafford before suffering a torn ACL in the second quarter.

Those three 1,000-yard seasons as a Giant, when we came to know him as OBJ, when there were Odes to Odell, are a distant memory. That Catch is a distant memory. He served a six-game PED suspension and didn't play last season. He hasn't caught a TD pass since he played for Harbaugh in Baltimore in 2023.

He rocked the boat when he was young, and there are Giants fans who will never stop blaming him for that infamous Boat Trip in Miami one week before he imploded in the wild-card playoff loss at Lambeau Field. Or for the sideline histrionics with a kicking net. Or for his out-of-control altercation with Josh Norman that left Tom Coughlin wondering if he should have benched him. Or that October 2018 Lil Wayne interview when he was asked whether Eli Manning was the reason for the offense's struggles and said, "I don't know." And: "I want to go over the top of somebody." And: "I don't get 20 targets like some other receivers."

Then there are other Giants fans who cannot forget how he took their breath away whenever he took a slant from Manning to the house. He caught 32 TD passes in 59 games. He was the most dynamic Giant since Lawrence Taylor.

He was driven to be legendary.

From John Mara on down, the Giants hoped and prayed that Beckham was growing up before their eyes when they signed him to a five-year, $95M extension in August 2018. The thought of Beckham, 25, teaming with second-overall draft pick Saquon Barkley for Manning's Last Hurrah intoxicated them.

"It's a five-year extension, six years total," then-GM Dave Gettleman said at the time. "We got him until he's 108. I never worried whether or not we would get it done. I'm pleased because the litmus test for a contract is that neither side is ticked off before the ink can dry, and neither side should be ticked off. It's a very fair deal."

When the season ended, with speculation in the air, Gettleman would say: "We didn't sign him to trade him."

Two months later, he traded him.

"Frankly," Gettleman said, "what changed is a team made an offer we couldn't refuse."

The trade would net the Giants safety Jabrill Peppers and DT Dexter Lawrence, and left Beckham grousing that he had been exiled way off Broadway to Cleveland: "People want to see the show. You want to see me play. Let's just be real. That's why we were still getting primetime games."

Manning's response: "I won a few games before he was here."

Beckham would clarify that he was not referring to his new city when he told Sports Illustrated: "They sent me here to die."

His career is on life support now.

He still has burst. He still has a work ethic that can serve as an example to teammates. He can help mentor Malik Nabers. He is popular in the locker room. His days as a lightning rod are over. He has a 4-year-old son named Zydn. He isn't wearing No. 13 anymore. Jalin Hyatt wears 13. Beckham wears No. 3 now. For how long, no one knows.

He appeared on his way when he was young to a Once a Giant, Always a Giant legacy. He seemed made for New York.

Tom Brady was Forever Young. Muhammad Ali was Forever Young. Michael Jordan, who retired for keeps at age 40, was Forever Young, even if he wasn't Air Jordan at the end. LeBron James, the 41-year-old Sixer, has been Forever Young.

All these years later, Odell Beckham Jr. fights for his football life, tries to turn back the clock as much as he possibly can.

Go up and catch your dream, Odell.

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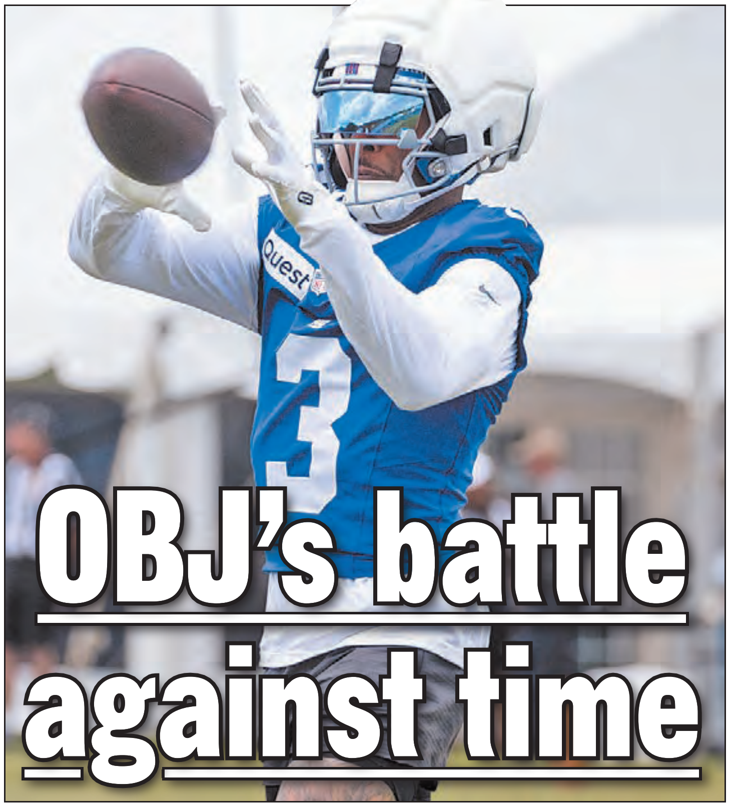

GUESS WHO'S BECK: Odell Beckham Jr. electrified Giants fans with his acrobatic catches and thrilling speed. Now, he's just hoping to play in front of a friendly Big Blue crowd one more time. Corey Sipkin

Nabers wants to return better than ever before

By PAUL SCHWARTZ

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — Malik Nabers caught 109 passes for 1,204 yards and seven touchdowns in a rookie season that completely validated his lofty NFL draft status (sixth overall) and convinced the Giants and their fans he would quickly become one of the league's best wide receivers.

Nowadays, coming off ACL surgery that limited him to four games in 2024, the Giants and their fans are eager for Nabers to get back to his first-year form.

Nabers is thinking way, way beyond that.

"I've got extreme confidence in myself, and I'm not going to put myself in any spot that I feel like I'm not going to be better than what I was before," Nabers said Thursday after Day 2 of Giants training camp at The Greenbrier's Sports Performance Center. "I don't see myself being what I was before. What I was before, what y'all saw my rookie year, I feel like that was basic. I got higher standards for myself."

Basic? All that production as a rookie was basic?

"My rookie year was just basic," Nabers said. "I left a lot of stuff on the field, and I missed a couple games, so I'm just excited to see where I will be."

Nabers on this day was as relaxed and seemingly at ease with himself as any time in his relatively brief time with the Giants. Clearly, his demeanor reflected his own confidence that his return from tearing his right ACL is nearing full resolution.

Nabers turned 23 on Tuesday. He smiled more in a 10-minute session with the media after this practice than he has after some games in which he caught a bunch of passes. Getting out on the field with his teammates meant something to him, as his upbeat body language suggested.

"I mean, I might not show it. ... I like to be a person that you never know my facial expressions," he said. "I'm always just smooth and calm. But it felt good to be out there with the guys, get a couple throws, just move around."

The answer everyone wants to know is this: Will he be up and running for the Sept. 13 season opener against the Cowboys?

"There's no target date," Nabers said. "Mindset is just stacking days, trying to get back out there with my teammates."

TALK SOFTLY, CARRY A BIG STICK: Giants left tackle Andrew Thomas admits he isn't the most talkative player on the field, but it's all part of his strategy. "It definitely frustrates [opposing players]," he says. "Don't say anything back."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Joel Sherman

WORTH A CALL

Yanks for Bryce among trade talks that should be happening, but aren't

DON'T you have to at least make a call?

It is that time of year. You are a contending team and you keep looking at the market like a menu at your local diner, wanting to find something that isn't there.

So how about a game to offer new blood in the marketplace prior to Monday's deadline? I do not — I repeat, *do not* — anticipate any of this happening (sorry aggregators), and I have not heard any of these players are actually available. This is designed for fun and to think about where some organizations are at this moment. But just in case ...

1. If you are the Yankees, don't you have to call the Phillies about Bryce Harper?

Why the Phillies should take the call: Yeah, owner John Middleton and president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski are in the star-collecting, not disposing business. But haven't these sides been in a slow-motion divorce for months now, since Dombrowski publicly said that Harper's 2025 was "very good" but "not elite," and Harper seemed to appreciate that as much as 100 mph up and in?

Then Harper voiced Tuesday that the team needs to upgrade at this deadline. Interim manager Don Mattingly fired back before Wednesday's game with a "stick-to-baseball"-type proclamation, and then the Phillies blew a 6-0 lead en route to losing 8-6 to the Marlins. That dropped Philadelphia to 3-9 in the second half and into a tie for the second wild card with Arizona, just 1 1/2 games up on the Padres to fall out of this thing.

Precedent: Like the Phillies, the 2004 Red Sox were in a midseason rut, within a run of being close to a title but not good enough; with a superstar beloved by the fan base (Nomar Garciaparra), who just was not happy. Those Red Sox moved Garciaparra in a four-team trade for what seemed an underwhelming return (Orlando Cabrera and Doug Mientkiewicz). Except it changed the tenor around the Red Sox and style (they became much better on defense). That group ended The Curse and won a championship.

Philadelphia is terrible on defense, and short at least one starter, one late-game reliever and one righty bat. Can you convince the Phillies to use Harper to diversify with their Cabrera, Mientkiewicz, etc.? If Harper were ever to be moved, it is far more likely this offseason amid a bad positional free-agent class when the five years at $118 million left will look attractive.

But if we are playing this pretend game, what if the Yankees offered Carlos Rodón's two years at $54 million to offset some of the dollars while pitching behind Jesús Luzardo, Cristopher Sánchez and Zack Wheeler; Fernando Cruz to help get the ball to Jhoan Duran for the next few years; and a strong prospect(s)? Harper would exacerbate the Yankees' left-handedness — but he is Bryce Harper. Stick him in right until Aaron Judge returns, then move him to first. If you need to get a third or fourth team into it to satisfy this (Taylor Ward's righty bat from Baltimore?), Brian Cashman can consult one of his key lieutenants, Jim Hendry, who as the Cubs GM in 2004 landed Garciaparra in that four-team maneuver.

I would point out that Harper seemed really happy buddying up with his pal Judge in March as teammates for Team USA in the WBC.

Bryce Harper

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2. If you are the Brewers, don't you have to call the Giants about Logan Webb?

Why the Giants should take the call: Aside from among the greatest aberrational seasons ever, the 107 wins in 2021, San Francisco has not even finished above .500 since 2016 when Buster Posey was still the catcher and not running baseball operations.

Willy Adames (six years at $150 million owed after this season) and Rafael Devers (seven years at $211 million) have among the most untradable contracts. Matt Chapman (four years at $100 million) may bring something back, but his age (33) and perhaps declining offense means not a ton.

Webb is due two more years at $47 million. His durability, penchant for ground balls and age (29) are vehicles for the Giants to entice suitors with strong infield defenses to provide a return to truly kick-start a much-needed rebuild. You can wait until the offseason, when current non-contenders such as the Mets might also join the bidding.

Precedent: But the Brewers shouldn't wait. They have elite infield defense, a great farm system to use for such a deal and putting Webb with Jacob Misiorowski and Kyle Harrison in the rotation would make Milwaukee even a bigger postseason force. Webb could go into the future payroll slot of Brandon Woodruff, who is making $22 million and is a free agent after the season.

In a shock at the 2019 deadline wire, the Astros used prospects to acquire ground-balling Zack Greinke to team in the rotation with Gerrit Cole and Justin Verlander with strong infield defense behind him. Greinke had two further years at $70 million due, so Arizona included $24 million to make it happen. The Giants could kick in dollars when they finally get around to trading Webb to maximize a prospect return.

3. If you are the Rays, don't you have to call the Reds about Elly De La Cruz?

Why the Reds should take the call: Cincinnati has not won a playoff game since 2012 and does not have the organizational depth to sustain excellence.

Precedent: This is really all about the precedent. De La Cruz is a Scott Boras client, like Juan Soto. The Nationals understood they were not going to be able to sign Soto long term. So 2 1/2 years until free agency, Soto was dealt to San Diego for a mega-package featuring CJ Abrams, MacKenzie Gore and James Wood.

De La Cruz is three-plus years from free agency. Tampa Bay has made it clear it wants to go big at this deadline, has been associated with Detroit's Tarik Skubal and may have to intensify that with Shane McClanahan (mid-back tightness) exiting a start Thursday during the fourth inning.

But, heck, if this is just a fun game, how about Tampa Bay settles all scores by emptying the best of the system for De La Cruz and Hunter Greene?

Yeah, I know it is not going to happen. But don't you have to make a call?

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INSIDE MLB

OFF THE MARKET? Padres closer Mason Miller sat atop the Yankees' wish list ahead of the trade deadline, but San Diego's surge makes the Padres more likely to buy than sell. Imagn Images

Deal breakers

Yanks shopping, but no guarantees

YANKEES higher-ups, who gathered in Tampa, Fla., for meetings that started Thursday, are discussing just about all of the biggest names on the block. However, there are real impediments to most and no guarantees on any.

Let's take the marquee trade candidates who'd fit position by position:

1. Ace starter Tarik Skubal. The Yankees checked on the Tigers left-hander. MLB's best pitcher helps anyone, and a trade somewhere seems pretty likely now. However, the rotation already is the Yankees' greatest strength. The Yankees, who hadn't heard the price by early Thursday evening, might match up OK with Detroit since they have young pitching (Will Warren) and decent prospects (Dax Kilby, Elmer Rodríguez, Carlos Lagrange, etc., even assuming they wouldn't trade George Lombard Jr. for a rental). But Cashman, an astute veteran trader, rarely gives up a haul. The prospect who turned into the best player he surrendered at the deadline probably was reliever Mark Melancon.

2. Frontline starters Clay Holmes, Logan Webb, Reid Detmers. They love Holmes, and a trade for him could enable them to move Warren or Ryan Weathers to the bullpen. Detmers is a big talent. To date, the Giants told teams Webb isn't available.

3. Superstar closer Mason Miller. Miller is the guy the Yankees wanted most. But with the Padres winning now, their go-for-it mindset should take over. Padres general manager A.J. Preller is listening, but it's a longshot that Miller's dealt anywhere now. Perhaps the Padres, who'll probably do more buying than selling, would consider trading Adrian Morejon or Jeremiah Estrada instead. Ex-Yankee Luke Weaver of the Mets is another nice fallback candidate on a very thin list.

4. Star SS Zach Neto. The Angels are talking about Neto, and as a strong righty hitter with speed, he'd help. But again, it'd take the very top prospects, and the Yankees like their top prospect, Lombard Jr., also a shortstop.

5. Catchers Adley Rutschman, Hunter Goodman, Ryan Jeffers, Tyler Stephenson. The Yankees need to add a catcher. They like Rutschman, who's taken a step forward defensively, but they have competition from the Red Sox, Rays and Rangers, if he goes.

Goodman, a two-time All-Star with 31 home runs, is unlikely to move. Jeffers may be, too, with the Twins declaring themselves buyers. Stephenson, who like Jeffers is a pending free agent, is a real possibility. There's no evidence of interest in Francisco Alvarez. The Mets want to keep Luis Torrens, the A's probably need Jonah Heim with Shea Langeliers out, and Salvador Perez wants to stay a Royal.

6. Righty-hitting OFs Lane Thomas, Jo Adell, Jorge Soler, Heliot Ramos, Seiya Suzuki. George Springer is clutch, but there's no guarantee he'd come, and he's almost exclusively DH'ed this year. They always liked Thomas and Adell, whom they nearly acquired a half-decade ago. Suzuki would be interesting. They're showing no interest in the Mets' Luis Robert Jr., and teammate Tyrone Taylor is hot but seen as a backup.

7. Infield stars Luis Arraez, Matt Chapman. The Yankees like Arraez, but they'd need to make adjustments to make him fit. Theoretically, a right-handed bat like Chapman's makes sense. But the $120M to go is quite an impediment when you're in 110 percent tax territory.

Amazin' if Holmes doesn't go

THE METS and Holmes aren't engaged in contract negotiations, so he'll almost surely go in trade. He's looked fine in his rehab starts, which nearly every contender attended.

Holmes and Weaver should bring the biggest return for the Mets.

Weaver would be a great fit for the Pirates, who could use him to close.

Devin Williams, at $17M per, isn't drawing much interest.

Francisco Lindor is back on his game. As for the trade chatter, one person in the know said that was "off the table" even before Lindor got hot.

The Mets are getting hits on Robert. But with about $8M to go, rivals suggest they'd have to pay it down to deal him.

The Phillies are considering Daulton Varsho, who was named after Phillies legend Darren Daulton. Philly would prefer a right-handed hitter, but they need offense.

The Cubs will land a starter, maybe two. Detmers, a Springfield, Ill., product, has been tied to both Chicago teams.

The Cubs have interest in Freddy Peralta. There's the Craig Counsell/Milwaukee link. Plus, the Cubs' great defense already transformed David Peterson.

Skubal watch: Dodgers may play defense

THE DODGERS don't seem anxious to trade a big prospect package for Skubal, but they do remain interested in making sure baseball's best pitcher doesn't go to the Brewers, Braves, Phillies or any other main competitor.

The Dodgers play a great offense, but defense could ultimately lead them to make a winning bid for Skubal, who seems more likely to be traded with the Tigers struggling now. Three execs with interested teams suggested they hadn't heard from Detroit as of midday Thursday, but that could just be a negotiating strategy. There's still time.

One rival exec suggested it would be malpractice for the Tigers to not trade Skubal since he's a rental who, one, will not re-sign with Detroit and, two, would bring back a monster package for a rental.

The Dodgers, looking for a third straight World Series title, are a rare potential suitor that views Skubal as only a moderate upgrade since Tyler Glasnow is their No. 4 playoff starter behind Yoshinobu Yamamoto, Shohei Ohtani and Blake Snell — provided Ohtani, Snell and Glasnow all return to the mound. Snell is expected back after one more rehab start, and Dodgers people say they believe Ohtani and Glasnow will return this season.

The Dodgers' main motivation, should they make a big play, according to some in the know, might be to keep him away from their main National League rivals. The Brewers would look much more formidable with Skubal combining with their phenom Jacob Misiorowski. Same for the Phillies, who have Cristopher Sánchez and Zack Wheeler, and the Braves with Chris Sale.

Among teams linked to Skubal, the Brewers and Rays have excellent prospect groups, but low-revenue teams are even more reluctant to surrender top young, cost-efficient players. The Braves and Phillies probably have enough prospect capital to do it if they stretch. The Yankees would, too, if they somehow become seriously involved.

As for the Dodgers, they can do whatever they want. They have accomplished young starters they could offer (Justin Wrobleski or Emmet Sheehan) plus an unmatched prospect stash. The question is: How much defense do they want to play?

KEEPIN’ IT REEL

Mets rally past Marlins as McLean & Co. give reason to believe in this lost season

By ZACH BRAZILLER

As the Mets look to their future, the starting rotation is the best place to begin.

By 6 p.m. Monday, the roster is likely going to look very different. A number of veterans are expected to be shipped out for prospects — the product of this disastrous season in Queens. Already, reliever A.J. Minter is on the move, headed to the Twins for a pair of prospects.

METS	**4**
MARLINS	**2**

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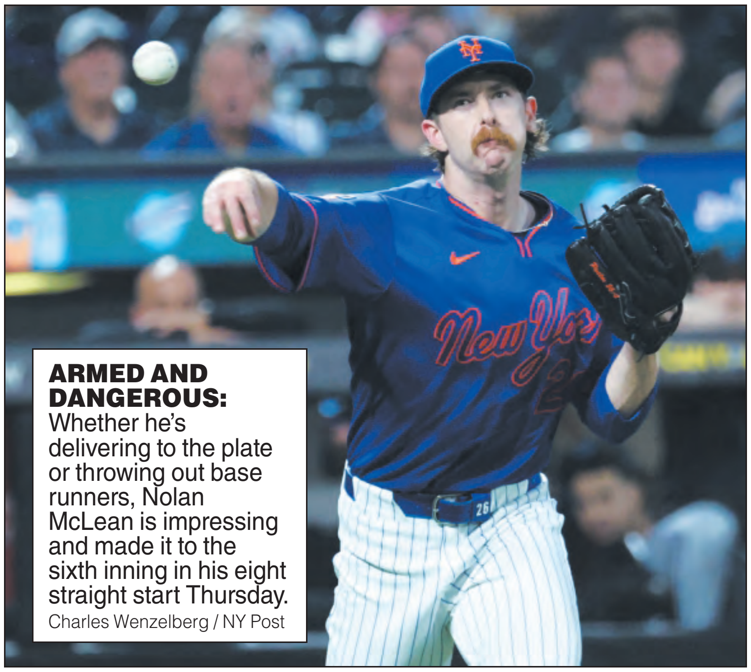
But the young guys on the mound are going to be the same. Nolan McLean, Christian Scott and Zac Thornton — three bright spots in this bleak season — have given fans a reason to think that maybe tomorrow won’t be as dark as today.

McLean kept the good vibes of the trio going Thursday, registering his eighth straight start of at least six innings, and the rookie has held the opposition to two earned runs or less in seven of those starts.

“[McLean and Scott] are guys that are proving they can handle staring down the best pitchers in the National League East and compete with them, and going toe to toe with them,” interim manager Andy Green said of McLean, who allowed six hits and struck out six over 6 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings of work. “Zac’s off to a great start, he’s doing some impressive things. I think it’s what you want from development, to see those guys show up here, handle it, believe they can win and go out and do it, really do it, and continue to repeat [those performances].”



ARMED AND DANGEROUS: Whether he’s delivering to the plate or throwing out base runners, Nolan McLean is impressing and made it to the sixth inning in his eight straight start Thursday.

Charles Wenzelberg / NY Post

Luis Robert Jr., one of many Mets who may be gone come Monday, drove in two runs with an eighth-inning single as the Mets won for the fourth time in five games, 4-2 over the Marlins in front of 25,774 at Citi Field.

McLean’s effort wasn’t enough to earn his eighth victory of the season — the late Mets rally made a winner out of Brooks Raley, who delivered 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings of scoreless relief — but it continued his upward trend. At this point, with the season well beyond saving, the youngsters producing is almost as important as wins, and they have each other to lean on.

“It matters more inside the clubhouse than it does out there on the field, the way we’re hanging out,” McLean said of the trio. “We don’t even really talk about baseball. We’re kind of messing around with each other. That’s what makes it fun.”

The three youngsters have been the Mets’ best starters of late. Thornton has pitched to a 2.43 ERA in five starts and has won consecutive decisions. Scott, coming off Tommy John surgery, has a 2.99 ERA in 15 outings and is eighth in baseball in strikeout percent at 28.8. Then there is McLean, so impressive after an August call-up a year ago. He began the year well, then hit a rough patch. He had a 6.10 ERA in May. He’s been a different pitcher over the last two months. His walks are down and his strikeouts are up.

“His numbers are really good, when you compare them against the best pitchers in baseball,” Green said.

McLean made only two mistakes Thursday, and was punished for both of them. A flat changeup wound up in the seats down the right field line in the fourth, Kyle Stowers’ 15th homer of the season. In the seventh, McLean grooved a 3-0 fastball, and Jakob Marsee pulled the Marlins even at 2-2.

“I thought he showed too much emotion after the first out in the seventh inning,” Green said. “He was fired up to be back out there for the seventh. Three straight balls and then he paid the price. I know that is going to leave the right kind of sour taste in his mouth going forward. But, really overall an impressive outing.”

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Peralta, on trading block, slated to start tonight

By ZACH BRAZILLER

Freddy Peralta is scheduled to remain on turn and start Friday night against the Marlins at Citi Field, according to interim manager Andy Green.

The veteran right-hander is one of many Mets expected to be moved ahead of the trade deadline. Despite a nightmare of a season, teams are interested in him.

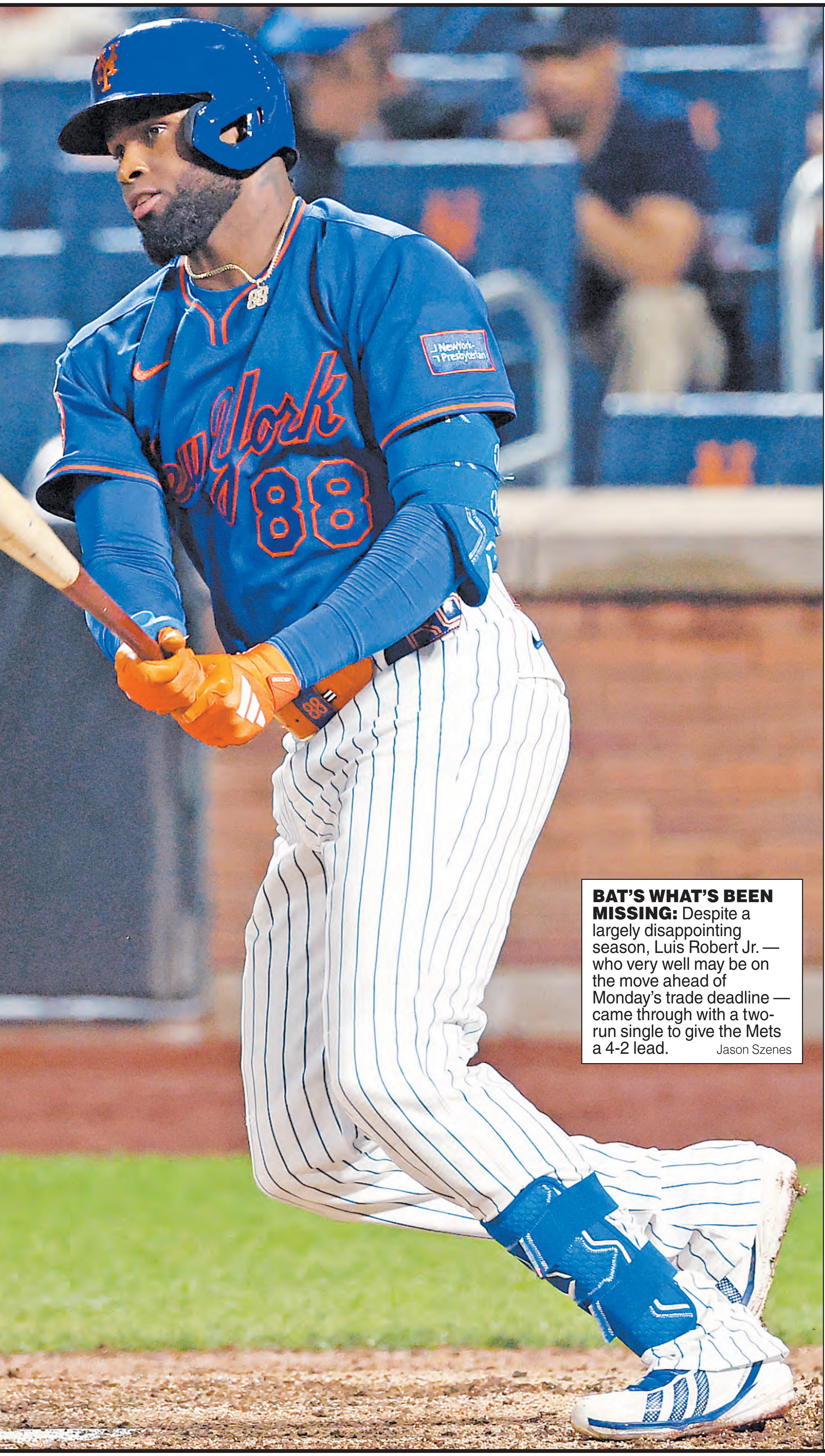
METS NOTES

The Mets acquired Peralta in the offseason for prospects Jett Williams and Brandon Sproat, hoping he would lead the starting rotation. Instead, he hasn’t come close to expectations, pitching to a 4.99 ERA and 1.48 WHIP. Peralta, 30, last completed six innings June 9. He had a 6.85 ERA in five July starts spanning 22 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings. He allowed 17 earned runs and five homers in that stretch.

A year ago with the Brewers, Peralta had a 2.70 ERA and finished fifth in the Cy Young Award voting. He was also an All-Star.

➤ Green still isn’t sure of the plan for **Clay Holmes**. On the trading block like Peralta, the right-hander made his second minor league rehab start Tuesday for Single-A Port St. Lucie, throwing 59 pitches across for shutout innings. Holmes has been out since May 15 with a fractured right fibula. The Mets will decide on a next course of action after his bullpen session Friday. Holmes could find himself on another team by Sunday, the next time he is ready to pitch.

➤ Since the All-Star break, the Mets bullpen has the lowest ERA in the National League at 1.93. Their relievers haven’t given up an earned run over their last 20 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings. … **Francisco Lindor** passed **Keith Hernandez** and moved into 11th place on the all-time Mets RBI list with 469. … The Mets are now 17-16 against the NL East and 17 games under .500 against everyone else.



BAT'S WHAT'S BEEN MISSING: Despite a largely disappointing season, Luis Robert Jr. — who very well may be on the move ahead of Monday's trade deadline — came through with a two-run single to give the Mets a 4-2 lead. Jason Szenes

ON DECK: vs. Marlins

Friday, 7:10 p.m., PIX11, WHSQ (880 AM)

RHP Freddy Peralta

2026 stats:
5-9, 4.99 ERA

Career vs. MIA:
3-5, 4.47 ERA

Last start:
Sun. vs LAD;
4 IP, 6 H, 2 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

53%	21%	15%
4-Seamer	Change	Curve

RHP Janson Junk

2026 stats:
4-6, 4.89 ERA

Career vs. NYM:
First start

Last start:
Sun. vs SD;
4.2 IP, 7 H, 1 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

36%	21%	19%
4-Seamer	Slider	Change

UP NEXT

SATURDAY: vs. Marlins, 4:10 p.m., SNY, WHSQ
LHP Zac Thornton vs. RHP Tyler Phillips

SUNDAY: vs. Marlins, 1:40 p.m., SNY, WHSQ
RHP Sandy Alcantara vs. TBD

INJURY REPORT

■ **Clay Holmes** will throw a bullpen session Friday. After that, the Mets will decide on the next course of action. Holmes has been out since May 15 with a fractured right fibula. He has made two minor league rehab starts, throwing 59 pitches across four shutout innings Tuesday in his second outing for Single-A Port St. Lucie.

Amazin' legacy part of Minny return for lefty reliever Minter

By JAKE NISSE

A.J. MINTER

The Mets made what could be the first of several bullpen trades Thursday as they sent A.J. Minter to the Twins for a pair of prospects.

As confirmed by The Post's Jon Heyman, the Mets received Minnesota prospects Billy Amick and Bruin Agbayani — the son of former Met Benny Agbayani — in exchange for the talented lefty. Amick and Agbayani are the No. 21 and No. 29 ranked prospects in the Twins system, according to MLB.com.

Former Mets manager Bobby Valentine told Heyman: "I like him a lot. He is a ballplayer. Left-handed hitter. Can run and has power."

Valentine managed Benny both with the Amazin's and Chiba Lotte.

Minter, 32, put together an impressive Mets tenure, as he finished with a 2.12 ERA in 36 appearances for the club dating back to last year.

He was always a strong candidate to be traded, though, given his strong performance and the team's poor record this season — and that came to fruition following the team's 4-2 win over the Marlins at Citi Field.

Agbayani, an infielder, was a sixth-round draft selection last year and has spent this season in Single-A ball. He has slashed .268/.412/.342 at that level this year.

His father, Benny, is known for his clutch playoff contributions for the Mets, including a memorable walk-off home run during the 2000 playoffs against the Giants.

Amick was a second-round pick in 2024 and also plays in the infield. He has spent this season with Double-A Wichita and has 23 home runs there.

The Mets previously traded pitcher David Peterson in June, with relievers Luke Weaver and Brooks Raley widely expected to follow Minter out the door.

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EXTRA PAINFUL

Cruz lets Chisox literally walk off with bases-loaded free pass in 11th inning

By GREG JOYCE

CHICAGO — In the aftermath of a crushing, 12-inning loss to the White Sox on Wednesday night, the Yankees took solace in the fact that they would be able to take the field again in just over 12 hours, with a chance to win the series and change the vibes.

Instead, there was only more pain.

For the second straight day, Chicago walked off, this time coming on Fernando Cruz's four-pitch walk to Tristan Peters with the bases loaded in the 11th inning, punching the Yankees in the face with 2-1 loss Thursday afternoon.

"Look, we got to score a freaking point," manager Aaron Boone said. "We got to score. I mean, that's the story, the beginning and end of it. We got to find a way."

On a day in which they went 1-for-15 with runners in scoring position and left 11 men on base, the Yankees (61-48) wasted another strong pitching performance before extras — the game was scoreless going to the 10th — and once again made clear their lineup is in need of help ahead of Monday's trade deadline, now 3 1/2 games back of the Rays in the American League East.

"What's going to happen Monday will happen or not happen," an agitated Boone said, clearly frustrated by the lack of offense and the repeated questions about needing to add bats because of it. "We have to score better. We have to do a better job offensively, period, and not looking over our shoulders for anyone. We have to find a way."

The Yankees, who are now 1-8 in extra innings this season, mustered just six hits Thursday, one of them coming in the 10th inning by Trent Grisham to put them ahead 1-0. Another was Jasson Domínguez's leadoff double in the sixth inning, which should have been an easy triple, except he overslid third base and was tagged out in a brutal sequence. In the seventh, there was Jazz Chisholm Jr.'s leadoff single, which was eventually erased when he was picked off with two outs before later leaving the game in the 11th with right hamstring cramps. And then the very next inning, the Yankees had runners on first and second with one out for the heart of their lineup but simply could not score.

WHITE SOX 2
YANKEES 1
11 innings
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So the end result was splitting a four-game set with the White Sox (57-51), after the Yankees had taken the first two games, with their maddening offense continuing to cost them at a time when they are without the injured Aaron Judge, Cody Bellinger and Giancarlo Stanton.

"We just got to have good at-bats and hit the ball hard. It's not rocket science; we just haven't done a good enough job," said Paul Goldschmidt, who went 0-for-5 with three strikeouts, three of those at-bats coming with runners in scoring position. "We can't feel sorry for ourselves."

And they can't bank on the trade deadline to fix things.

"We can't expect or rely on anyone walking in to help us," Boone said. "We got to find it in there. We have more than enough capable guys in there, we just got to be better across the board."

Regardless of who the Yankees might be able to add by Monday — amid a market with impact bats not readily available — they may be without Judge, Bellinger and Stanton until September. There are a lot of games to play before then, and the Yankees are going to have to figure out a way to survive them without wasting too many more gems from their pitchers, such as Ryan Weathers' seven shutout innings Thursday.

"I think one to two guys in the lineup doesn't change much — yes, it makes a big difference with the two guys we have out of the lineup — but at the same time, there's a lot of plays we could do a lot better and play a lot more team ball with," Chisholm said.

The offensive futility has put an extra strain on the pitching, particularly the bullpen, continually having to pitch its high-leverage arms in tight games late. For the second straight day, that meant not having David Bednar available as the closer had pitched four of the past six days and Boone felt he needed to protect him with the long haul in mind.

So after Weathers got through seven innings on 106 pitches, he handed it off to his bullpen, with Brent Headrick and Angel Chivilli throwing scoreless innings to get the game to extras.

Chivilli came back out for the bottom of the 10th, after the Yankees went ahead 1-0 in the top of the frame, and could not hold it there, giving up a game-tying single to Andrew Benintendi, a ghost of Yankees trade deadlines past. Cruz came in to bail him out but then worked himself into trouble in the 11th. He nearly escaped with the bases loaded, getting the second out on a strikeout after falling behind 3-0 but then faced another 3-0 count and threw Ball 4 to end it.

"We got to protect some guys along the way as we go through this, because we're not going anywhere without some certain guys," Boone said, explaining Bednar's unavailability. "We got to make sure we do that. In a long season, it's going to take everyone."

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CRUZ MISS-ILE: Yankees reliever Fernando Cruz makes his way to the visitors' dugout after he surrendered the game-ending walk to Tristan Peters — who lost his jersey in the White Sox's revelry — during the 11th inning Thursday in Chicago as the Bombers lost in extra innings for the second straight game.
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INJURY REPORT

- **Carlos Rodón** (left elbow inflammation) got through a two-inning, 30-pitch live bullpen session without issue Wednesday.
- **Luis Gil** (right shoulder inflammation) faced hitters again Wednesday at the club's player development complex in Tampa, Fla., according to video he posted to social media.

ON DECK

at Cubs

Friday, 2:20 p.m., YES, WFAN (660 AM, 101.9 FM)

RHP Will Warren

2026 stats:
7-5, 4.41 ERA

Career vs. CHC:
0-1, 3.38 ERA

Last start:
Sun., at PHI;
3 IP, 6 ER, 5 K

PITCH BREAKDOWN

38%	27%	20%
4-Seamer	Sinker	Sweeper

LHP Shota Imanaga

2026 stats:
7-8, 3.72 ERA

Career vs. NYY:
1-0, 1.29 ERA

Last start:
Sat., at PIT;
6 IP, 0 ER, 4 K

PITCH BREAKDOWN

41%	33%	14%
4-Seamer	Splitter	Sweeper

UP NEXT

SATURDAY: at Cubs,
7:15 p.m., Fox, WFAN
LHP Max Fried
vs. LHP David Peterson

SUNDAY: at Cubs,
2:20 p.m., YES, WFAN
RHP Gerrit Cole
vs. RHP Colin Rea

Hobbled Jazz blames cramps

By GREG JOYCE

CHICAGO — Jazz Chisholm Jr. started to feel it in the bottom of the eighth inning Thursday, pulled up because of it on a groundout in the top of the ninth, then spent the rest of the game hobbling before he was replaced by a pinch runner in the top of the 11th.

But he and the Yankees believe the "it" was just cramps in his right hamstring and not anything more serious, with Chisholm insisting he expects to be back in the struggling lineup Friday against the Cubs at Wrigley Field.

"It started to feel better as the game went on, but they just wanted to play it safe to avoid injury," Chisholm said after another brutal 2-1 loss in 11 innings against the White Sox.

Chisholm remained in the training room for treatment long after most of his teammates had left the stadium, but he said afterward he has no concerns about it lingering to become something that could cost him time.

The second baseman, who went 1-for-3 with two walks Thursday, has been part of the reason why the Yankees lineup has been struggling to score enough over the last two months. But with 16 home runs and 30 steals, he also has the potential to create offense single-handedly, which the Yankees sorely need at a time when they are already without Aaron Judge, Cody Bellinger and Giancarlo Stanton for the foreseeable future due to injuries.

"Trainers don't think it's much," manager Aaron Boone said.

YANKS NOTES

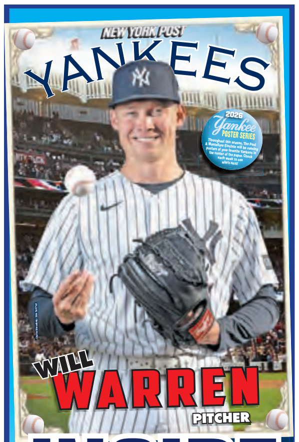
➤ **Ryan Weathers** turned in one of his best outings of the season — seven shutout innings over which he scattered three hits and three walks — and the Yankees needed every bit of it after their bullpen had been taxed of late.

The ground ball was Weathers' best friend, as he recorded 12 of his 21 outs on the ground including a clutch double play to end the sixth inning and give him a chance to come back out for the seventh.

"[**Ryan McMahon**] and [**Anthony**] **Volpe** were huge today on the left side of the infield," said Weathers, who continued to throw his sinker more and four-seam fastball less, to better results. "I kept them pretty busy today."

Weathers was at 102 pitches after retiring the first two batters in the seventh, at which point Boone visited the mound for a conversation in which the lefty argued his case to stay in and won out. He rewarded Boone's faith by getting **Luisangel Acuña** to ground out on his 106th and final pitch of the day.

"I was already out there, and I got Acuña to ground out twice [before]," Weathers said. "Just wanted to be able to finish that inning and save the bullpen from even one more out."



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Netflix

STREAM IT OR SKIP IT

While there's a lot about **"Musafir Cafe"** (Netflix) that feels a bit cliche, the show has a relaxed vibe that makes it easy to watch, especially once you finally figure out which timeline a scene is in. **OUR CALL: STREAM IT**

WHAT TO WATCH

Lauren Conrad may always be known as the girl who didn't go to Paris, but that's certainly not the case for **Lacey Chaber**t's (left) Chelsea Martin in the new Hallmark+ series **"Paris is Always a Good Idea,"** which is based on Jenn McKinlay's 2020 novel of the same name. With beautiful locales and heartwarming performances, Hallmark is turning a new page with their take on the book-to-TV adaptation—and it's one we want to keep watching.

For more on your favorite TV and films, visit decider.com

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WHAT TO WATCH. WHEREVER YOU WATCH

BACK TO THE BOOKS

Hilaria Baldwin talks competing on 'Nation's Dumbest'

Brian Zak/NY Post

Hilaria Baldwin (above, right) is a contestant on "Nation's Dumbest," a FOX reality competition series hosted by Jack Whitehall (below left).

By KAREN KEMMERLE

Hilaria Baldwin is many things: an author, a content creator, a yogi, a mom, a wife to Oscar nominee Alec Baldwin. But on FOX's **"Nation's Dumbest,"** Baldwin is now a student. Hosted by British comedian Jack Whitehall, the reality competition series follows a group of celebrities who compete in four challenges in each episode—the logic test, general knowledge, a team challenge, and the final exam—to determine who can leave and be out of the running for the undesired title of "Nation's Dumbest." In the classroom alongside Baldwin are entertainment icons like Anthony Michael Hall, Carmen Electra, Jojo Siwa, Steve-O, Andrew Yang, and others.

So why would Baldwin join a show that could forever label her as the "Nation's Dumbest"? "I didn't think it through," said Baldwin. "On one hand, I like to have fun, and I love to make fun of myself. On the other hand, I say 'yes' to most things." Looking back on the experience, Baldwin feels "very" glad she did the show, even though there were a few tough moments along the way.

It was important for Baldwin to be very open about her struggles with ADHD and dyslexia going into her latest reality TV endeavor. "I wanted to go into this experience being straightforward about how my mind works," said Baldwin. "However, there were moments when I felt very defeated. I felt like I was letting people down who are like me." Fortunately, Baldwin had a network of support around her at all times, thanks to the production team and her fellow contestants. "We all knew it was going to test us, and we were there to reassure each other," said Baldwin.

DECIDER: "Nation's Dumbest" features a really wonderful, eclectic mix of celebrities. Who were you most surprised to see there and why?

HILARIA BALDWIN: Ice-T. He's just so cool. He's one of my favorite people. I've met him many times over the years. Alec and I are close with his [**"Law & Order: SVU"**] co-star Mariska [Hargitay]. It was fun to spend that amount of time with Ice-T. He posts such inspirational stuff on his social media. We all stayed in the same hotel, so sometimes we would be in a car together. He's just so wise.

One thing I love about "Nation's Dumbest"—and maybe this is naive of me— is that the show or the contestants don't shame anyone for not knowing the answer or panicking under pressure. Was kindness something that was important to you all during this process?

Kindness is always important for me. As a kid, I would lie in bed, and I would think, "How do I treat people today, and how can I do better tomorrow?" Now, where I've messed up a little bit along the way is that I forgot to be kind to myself. So, I'm trying to learn to do it now. My capacity to love is the reason why I can be a mom for so many; it's why I can stand with my husband in difficult times.

The environment on "Nation's Dumbest" was very supportive. We all knew it was going to test us, and we were there to reassure each other when we got answers wrong or felt like we really screwed up. It really could have gone another way. Hopefully, this show will go on for many seasons because it's great. Maybe not every future group of people will be as supportive of each other as we were, but you never know. I didn't see weird moments of people being competitive in ways that were gross. Everybody was really sweet to each other.

Because of "Nation's Dumbest," you are now part of the Fox family. Does that mean we could see you on a future season of "Special Forces: World's Toughest Test"?

I would love that. I've heard some scary stories about it, but I say "no" to only a few things, for better or for worse. I got to meet people who did "Special Forces" on both "Nation's Dumbest" and a show I recently did in the Dominican Republic. My brother-in-law, Stephen [Baldwin], was even on it. They all said that it was life-changing. It was an experience that allowed them to learn about themselves, much like the experience I had on this show. I feel very lucky.

Peter Gordon/NBC

TRENDING NOW

"Chicago Fire" star **Joe Miñoso** (left), who has played Joe Cruz since the show's premiere, is bidding farewell to the NBC series. According to Deadline, the actor will appear in a handful of episodes in Season 15 to close out his character's arc.

WHAT'S NEW

ON FXX/HULU
"**Adults: Marathon Day**," a standalone prequel episode.

ON STARZ
"**Fightland**," a boxing drama starring **Howard Charles** (left).

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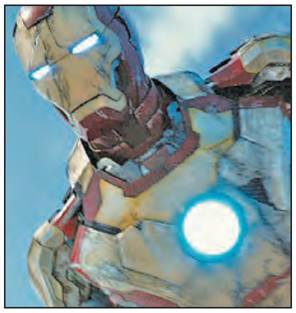
What's on Tonight

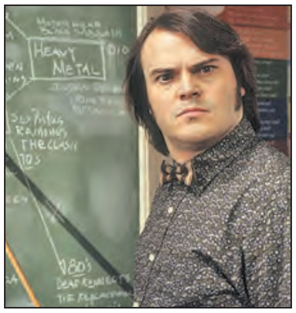


ADVENTURE

Iron Man 3: 5 p.m. on FX. Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow. Tony Stark's starts an odyssey of rebuilding and retribution.

COMEDY

The Mask: 9:30 p.m. on SYFY. Jim Carrey, Peter Riegert. Bank clerk Stanley Ipkiss is transformed into a manic superhero when he wears a mysterious mask.



MUSIC

School of Rock: 11:19 p.m. on PARMT. Jack Black, Joan Cusack. After being kicked out of his rock band, Dewey Finn becomes a substitute teacher.

Friday July 31, 2026

SP = Spectrum, C = Cablevision, F = FiOS   Movies 🟥 Sports 🟩 New 🟨

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2 WCBS	2	2	2	CBS Evening News	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	Sheriff Country: Glory Days (R)		Fire Country: Elite of the Elite (R)		Boston Blue: Blood Chemistry (R)		CBS News 11pm	(11:35) Comics (R)
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	(7:15) New York Live	Access Hollywood	America's Got Talent: Live Acts Revealed (R)				Dateline NBC		News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show
5 WNYW	5	5	5	Politics Unusual	Extra	TMZ	MasterChef: Royal Wedding (R)		(9:02) Nation's Dumbest: Duel of Fools (R)		The 10 O'Clock News	Street Soldiers	The 10 O'Clock News	Feud Favorites (R)
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy!: Wildcard (R)	Wheel of Fortune (R)	Celebrity Jeopardy! All Stars: Semifinal #1 (R)		20/20: Investigative journalists report on various news stories from around the world.				News	(11:35) Kimmel Live (R)
9 WWOR	9	9	9	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	The News on My 9	Politics Unusual	Chicago Fire: When Tortoises Fly		The 10 O'Clock News	Family Feud (R)	Chicago Fire: Sharp Elbows	
11 WPIX	11	11	11	Mets Pre Game Live.	MLB Baseball: Miami Marlins at New York Mets from Citi Field. Live.						New York Nightcap	PIX11 News at Ten	New York Nightcap	Seinfeld: The Keys
13 WNET	13	13	13	BBC News America	The PBS News Hour		Washington Week	Firing Line	American Experience: Chasing the Moon (R)				Amanpour and Company	
21 WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	Inspector George Gently			The Brokenwood Mysteries			(10:02) Astrid: The Ankou		BBC News	The Day
25 WNYE	25	22	25	The Civil	Made In New York Talks			Papa Ray's	Inside Pow	Artists Den Reprise		Short Film	NYU Journ	Cinema
31 WPXN	31	3	531	S.W.A.T.	Pregame	WNBA Basketball Live.				Game Break	WNBA Basketball: Indiana Fever at Portland Fire.			
41 WXTV	41	6	41	N Univisi	La rosa de Guadalupe		Tan Cerca de Ti, Nace el		Guardián de mi Vida		Corazon de Oro		Noticias	N Univisio
47 WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	Operación Triunfo				El Señor de los Cielos		Lejos de Ti		Noticiero	Noticias
55 WLNY	55	10	10	Perfect (R)	Last Man	Last Man	News 8pm		48 Hours: End of the Trail		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Neighbor.	Neighbor.
A&E	46	46	181	Investiga.	Killer Investigations (R)		Killer Investigations (R)		Killer Investigations (R)		Investigations: Sex, Lies		(11:04) Investigations (R)	
AMC	54	43	231	(6:45) The Beekeeper (2024, Action) Jason Statham. R					(9:15) Wrath of Man (2021, Thriller) Jason Statham, Holt McCallany. R ★★★					
BBCAM	71	101	189	Law & Ordr	Law & Order: Ego		Law & Order: White Lie		Law & Order: Whiplash		Law & Order		Law & Order: Keeper	
BET	37	54	270	Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (2011) Tyler Perry. ★½					Nobody's Fool (2018, Comedy) Tika Sumpter. R ★★					Martin
BRAVO	18	44	185	The Croods	The Super Mario Bros. Movie (2023) Chris Pratt. ★★★½				The Super Mario Bros. Movie (2023) Chris Pratt. ★★★½				The Croods: A New Age	
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) Lead	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°		The Source with Kaitlan		CNN NewsNight		Laura Coates Live	
COMEDY	45	50	190	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office: Dinner Party		The Office	The Office	50 First Dates (2004) ★★★	
DISC	66	27	120	Serial	What Shark Attacked?		The Great White Kill		Takes New York		Strange Shark Addiction		Jaws vs. the Meg	
DISNEY	49	31	250	(6:45) Bluey	(7:15) Bluey: Beacchhh!		Elemental (2023) Leah Lewis. PG ★★★			(9:45) Kiff	(10:10) Kiff	(10:35) Kiff	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	24	51	196	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)
ESPN	28	36	70	Sports	Fighters League: PFL New York (Main Card) Live.				Banana Ball: Texas Tailgaters vs. Party Animals Live.				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	29	35	74	The UFL	NFL Live		College	BananaBall	Life In Th	Life In Th	Life In Th	Life In Th	WWE	
FBN	43	106	117	Bottom	Wall Street	Roundtable	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
FNC	44	26	118	Spc. Rpt.	The Ingraham Angle		Jesse Watters Primetime		Hannity		Gutfeld!		Fox News @ Night	
FOOD	50	97	164	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Screaming	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FREE	38	49	199	Spider-Man: Far From Home (2019) ★★★			(7:55) Spider-Man: No Way Home (2021, Action) Tom Holland, Zendaya. ★★★½						The 700 Club (R)	
FS1	400	99	83	ML Pickleball: Orlando: Friday Live.			The Story of the FIFA World Cup				CONCACAF U-20 Champ.: United States at Cuba.			
FX	10	40	53	(5:00) Iron Man 3 (2013, Action) ★★★½			Avengers: Endgame (2019, Action) Robert Downey Jr. PG-13 ★★★★							
HALL		191	240	(6:00) Love Under the Mistletoe (2026)			A Christmas Carousel (2020) Rachel Boston. ★				Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden
HGTV	64	98	165	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	Zillow Wild	My Rental	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
HIST	40	47	128	UnXplained	The UnXplained (R)		The UnXplained (R)		The UnXplained		(10:03) Mysteries		Mysteries: Archaeological	
ID	23	171	123	Disappear.	Disappeared		American Monster		Evil Lives Here: The Killer Speaks				American Monster	
LIFE	62	45	140	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS: Patriot Down		NCIS: Rule Fifty-One		NCIS: Spider and the Fly		NCIS: Worst Nightmare		(11:03) NCIS: Short Fuse	
MeTV	33	33	3	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Golden	Golden	Burnett	P. Mason
MSG	27	87	78	(4:00) 3ICE	Team Boxing: Quarterfinal #2 - Atlanta Attack at Miami Assassins					MSG Summer	3ICE 3-on-3 Hockey Replay.			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	INTENNSE	INTENNSE Tennis: Semi-Final 2 Live.				PokerGo High Stakes		PokerGo High Stakes		INTENNSE Tennis	
MSNOW	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The Weeknight		All in with Chris Hayes		The Briefing Jen Psaki		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour with Ali	
MTV	20	53	210	Bang: Pilot	Next Friday (2000, Comedy) Ice Cube. R ★★½				Friday (1995, Comedy) Ice Cube. R ★★★				Friday After Next (2002) R	
NATGEO	65	162	121	(6:49) Cheetahs Close (R)		(7:50) Chris Hemsworth: A Road (R)			Time and Water				Chris Hemsworth (R)	
NICK	6	121	252	TMNT	The Boss Baby: Family Business (2021) PG ★★½				Friends	Friends	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang
OWN	173	180	145	(6:00) Belle	Belle Collective		Belle Collective		A Ring On It: Cheathab		Heart & Hustle: Houston		Belle Collective	
PARMT	36	56	54	(6:00) School of Rock (2003, Comedy) Jack Black. ★★★				(8:35) We're the Millers (2013, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston. R ★★★					School of Rock (2003) ★★★	
SNY	26	60	77	Yeah ...	Yeah ...	Mets Specials		Paid	Yeah ...	Yeah ...	Post Game	Sports	Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	Red (2010)	Red 2 (2013, Action) Bruce Willis. PG-13 ★★★					The Mask (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey. PG-13 ★★★				The Ark (R)
TBS	8	39	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	Road House (2024, Action) Jake Gyllenhaal. R				(10:20) The Accountant (2016, Action) Ben Affleck. ★★★			
TCM	82	41	230	The Mouthpiece (1932) Warren William.			Sweet Smell of Success (1957) Burt Lancaster. ★★★½				Touch of Evil (1958, Thriller) Charlton Heston. NR ★★★½			
TLC	52	28	139	90 Day (R)	90 Day Fiancé (R)		90 Day Fiancé: More to Love: So Help Me God				90 Day	90 Day: Last: The Last		90 Day (R)
TNT	3	37	51	(6:00) Rush Hour 2 (2001, Action) ★★★			Rush Hour 3 (2007, Comedy) Chris Tucker. PG-13 ★★½				Wonder Woman (2017, Action) Gal Gadot. PG-13 ★★★½			
TVLAND	85	34	241	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	(9:20) Loves Raymond		Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	(6:00) Fire	Everything	Everything	WWE Friday Night Live.				Everything	Everything	(11:01) Men	(11:31) Men
VH1	19	52	217	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Maid in Manhattan (2002, Romance) Jennifer Lopez. PG-13 ★★					Breakin' All the Rules (2004) PG-13 ★★½		
WE	59	42	149	(5:00) A League of Their Own (1992) PG			Love After Lockup: Toe Rings			(9:44) Love After Lockup: Toe Rings			(11:14) Love After Lockup	
YES	53	89	76	Sportico	Home Plate	Yankees	MLB Baseball: New York Yankees at Chicago Cubs from Wrigley Field. Replay.							MLB Game
HBO	511	301	400	Man Burn	(7:12) Dumb Money (2023, Comedy) Paul Dano. R				Life, Larry	Life Larry	(10:12) Real Time with		Life Larry	Real Time
MAX	531	371	420	(5:18) The Town (2010) R		(7:23) Fantastic Beast		(8:21) Godzilla x Kong: Empire (2024)			(10:16) The Watchers (2024, Horror) Dakota Fanning.			
MGM Plus	595		395	(5:35) Seabiscuit (2003, Drama) ★★★			Friday Night Lights (2004, Drama) Billy Bob Thornton.				Whiplash (2014, Drama) Miles Teller. R			The Aviator
PARSHO	551	321	365	(6:05) The Foreigner (2017, Action) ★★★			The Chi: The Last Dance		The Dutchman (2026) André Holland. R			(10:35) Flight (2012, Drama) R ★★★		

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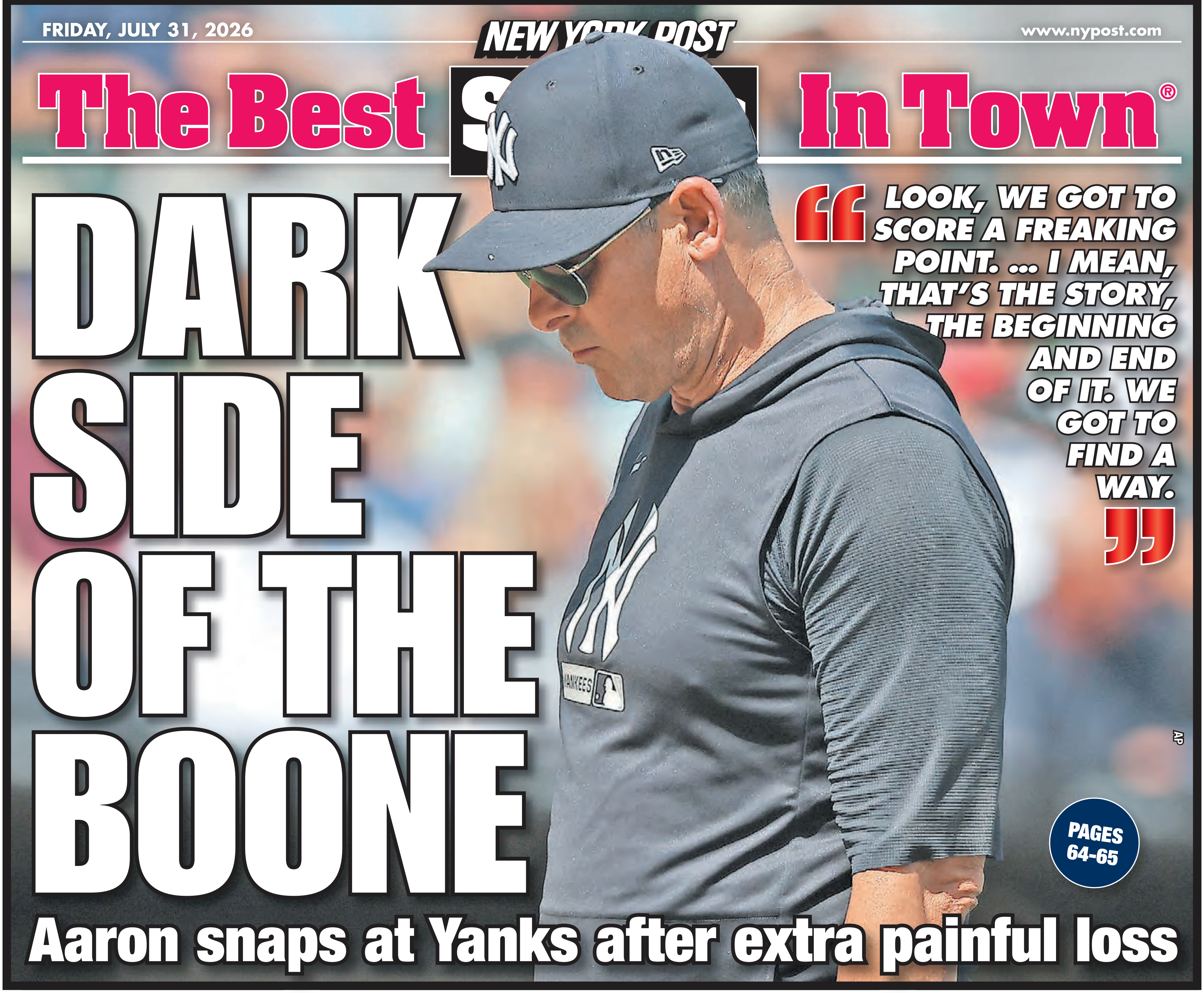

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“LOOK, WE GOT TO SCORE A FREAKING POINT. ... I MEAN, THAT’S THE STORY, THE BEGINNING AND END OF IT. WE GOT TO FIND A WAY.”

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